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GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivers his opening statement as Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) listen during the 2022 Gubernatorial Candidate Debate hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall last night.

FERDIE DELA TORRE

Over \$300K of IPI assets sold

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REPORTER

The District Court for the NMI has recently confirmed that court-appointed receiver Clear Management Group may go ahead with

the sale of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's assets. The first and most recent transaction was a repurchase that netted over \$300,000.

Earlier this week, District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted

the stipulation of Clear Management and Angel Playing

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'Arbitration with IPI just waste of time, money'



Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Andrew Yeom listens to CCC board vice chair Ralph Demapan during the board's monthly meeting at the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai yesterday morning.
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Commonwealth Casino Commission board chair Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero said yesterday that in his opinion the arbitration process with Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is just a waste of time and money.

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Torres: Increasing discretionary budget by \$1.2M lavish

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said

Tuesday that to have the House of Representatives majority start attacking him and the Department of Public

Safety for allegedly engaging in lavish spending of government money, they should look at themselves first for trying

to increase their discretionary budget by \$1.2 million.

"When they need some-

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The Marianas celebrated the UN World Tourism Organization's World Tourism Day last Sept. 27.

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Firefighters have rescued a 13-year-old blind dog that fell into a hole at a California construction site.

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Coolio, the rapper who was among hip-hop's biggest names of the 1990s with hits including "Gangsta's Paradise" and "Fantastic Voyage," died Wednesday at age 59.

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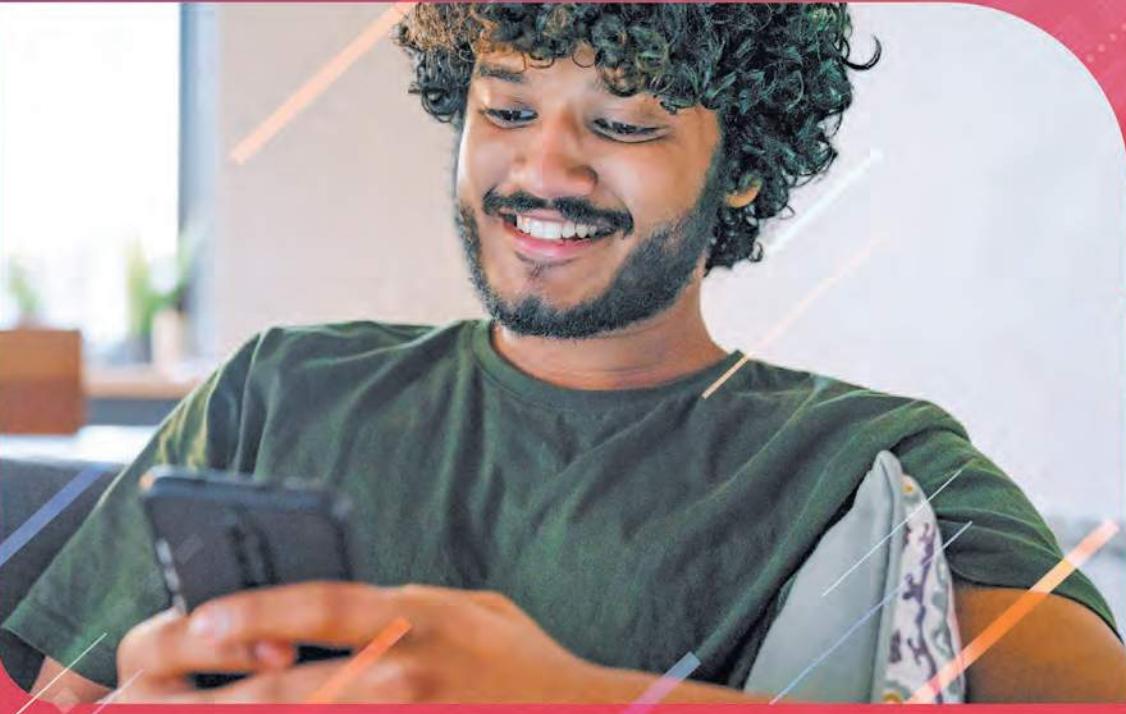
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2 taxpayers accuse Lt. Gov. Palacios of defrauding DPL

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Two taxpayers yesterday requested the Department of Public Lands to report to the Office of the Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation about Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios' criminal act for allegedly defrauding the CNMI government by assigning to a private company public lands that he leased from DPL.

Steven Dela Cruz and William Villagomez, in their letter to DPL Secretary Sixto K. Igisomar, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, said Palacios is making \$3,330 profit a month with

his assignment of government properties with South Pacific Lumber Co., but hid such deal from DPL.

The complainants attached in their letter documents about Palacios' amended lease with DPL, promissory note, as well as the warehouse rental with the private company.

When asked for comments, Palacios said he knows Dela Cruz and Villagomez are not capable of writing that letter but that it's political season.

Palacios said he was the one who built the warehouse and that lease allows that sublease and that Igisomar is aware of it.

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Hartig doubts elected DPS commissioner is best approach

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Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig has expressed doubt that having an elected commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is necessarily the best approach.

"I don't know that this proposed change gets you where you want to go," said Hartig in his testimony concerning a House of Representatives legislative initiative that proposed to amend the CNMI Constitution and make the DPS commissioner an elected position.

House Legislative Initiative 22-01 was among the legislations and proposed rules that were discussed during a public hearing conducted by the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chaired by Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last week, Thursday.

The legislative initiative was authored by Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan), who was present at the public hearing. Propst is a known critic of DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero.

If House Legislative Initiative 22-01 passes the Legislature, the question will be put to a vote and CNMI voters will decide whether or not they would like to elect the DPS commissioner.

Hartig said he does not know that an elected chief of police is necessarily the best approach.

As it stands now, Hartig said, the commissioner can be relieved by the governor or by impeachment.

The chief public defender said this proposal would make it only by impeachment so actually it does not increase oversight.

"You've cut it by 50%. I don't really think that gets you where this proposal is trying to go," Hartig said.

He said the way it works for the federal government in the United States, it is in fact the chief executive, the president, who appoints the chief of the law enforcement, the functional equivalent would be the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"And it seems to work pretty well in the United States. And there doesn't seem to be much interference, which

apparently, this committee is concerned about," Hartig said.

Propst stated in the legislation that it is critical for DPS

to be free of political influence and interference as enforcers of law and order.

Propst said unfortunately,

this has not been the case, as the present system gives the governor the power and authority to choose and appoint

the DPS chief.

The lawmaker said the commissioner serves at the

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Hunt on for man allegedly involved in recent burglary

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REPORTER

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Cards U.S.A. Inc., to repurchase shoes and decks confirming, and kickstarting, the sale of IPI's assets to satisfy most, if not all, judgments currently active against them.

Pursuant to the stipulation, APC has agreed to repurchase all 201 Super Angel Eye dealing shoes in the custody and control of Clear Management at the unit price of \$1,500 for a total of \$301,500; and to repurchase all decks of Angel playing cards in Clear Management's possession at the unit price of 10 cents per deck.

At 10 cents a deck, the sale would be no more than \$1.9 million as 1,935,360 decks were sold to IPI over time. However, Clear Management has yet to determine how many decks it holds in its possession.

The sale has since been granted and confirmed.

During the hearing, attorney Mi-

The Department of Public Safety is currently on the hunt for a man involved in a home burglary last Friday.

chael White, who represents Clear Management, requested that the court have the funds transferred and held in an escrow trust account, which Manglona granted with no objections.

The payments shall be made and transferred to Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Escrow Trust Account, as per the court's amended order.

According to the stipulation, APC previously sold a series of products to IPI, including the dealing shoes and playing cards that have since been repurchased.

On Oct. 26, 2021, the federal court appointed Clear Management as limited receiver to take possession of and sell at auction IPI's casino gaming equipment.

The casino property subject to sale by Clear Management included 201 units of Super Angel Eye automatic dealing shoes.

In a motion opposing the auction of APC products, APC said IPI acquired only the right to use Angel products

The Department of Public Safety is currently seeking the community's help to locate Mario Sablan, a man

and that, therefore, Clear Management cannot transfer title to APC products to purchasers at auction.

At a hearing on Nov. 29, 2021, the court stayed the auction of APC products for 30 days.

On Dec. 17, 2021, the court issued the first of a series of orders staying the receivership.

On April 14, 2022, the court denied APC's motion without prejudice and with the understanding that if the stay was ever lifted, APC could refile the motion.

On Aug. 16, 2022, the court lifted the stay on the limited receivership.

After the lifting of the stay, APC and Clear Management negotiated for APC to repurchase the 201 dealing shoes at the unit price of \$1,500 for a total of \$301,500. The market price for purchasing new Super Angel Eye dealing shoes is \$4,200 per unit.

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allegedly involved in a home burglary in Finasisu last Friday.

This case remains ongoing and for those who may have any information on Sablan's whereabouts, do not hesitate to contact the authorities.

Individuals who have anything to report in regards to this matter can call 911 anytime. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest.

According to police reports, last Friday, Sept. 23, at around 11:59pm, DPS officers responded to a burglary and theft incident in the village of Finasisu.

At the scene, officers met with the caller who stated that his house had just been broken into.

The caller led police into the home and showed officers a black slipper that was inside the house which did not belong to him, and his bedroom

door which was opened. The caller claimed that he closes his bedroom door when he leaves the house.

The caller showed police surveillance footage from the home that showed a female individual whom he recognized with another unknown male individual.

A follow-up investigation revealed that items missing include an Echo bush-cutter, a Vizio television, a bag pack with an Asus laptop, an external hard-drive, a drone camera, and an Apple iPad.

On Sept. 28, at about 11:07am, Judge Wesley Bogdan signed an arrest warrant for the arrest of Shaina Castro and Mario Sablan with bail set at \$10,000 for each defendant.

On the same day at about 3:30pm, Castro was located and arrested in the village of Kobler, before being brought to the Department of Corrections where she was booked and detained.

As of press time, Sablan remains at large.

Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted IPI's request for a preliminary injunction against CCC to prohibit the commission from revoking IPI's exclusive casino license.

Manglona issued the order to allow IPI to pursue its right to arbitration. She ordered CCC to participate in the arbitration process.

Arbitration refers to a procedure wherein two parties agree on one or more arbitrators to make a decision in their dispute in order to resolve a disagreement outside of court proceedings.

DeLeon Guerrero said arbitration is part of the Casino License Agreement provision that grants IPI the right to arbitrate disputes.

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TORRES

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thing, when the family member needs an emergency who they're [going to] call? 911. Who is there to help? Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, police officers and so forth," said Torres in response to a question during a press conference held in the governor's office conference room.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) recently accused the Torres administration of lavish spending, includ-

ing buying new cars for everybody at DPS in what he described as "too many that he can't count all of them."

Rep. Corina L. Magofna (Ind-Saipan) during a recent press conference also echoed Rep. Vicente C. Camacho's (D-Saipan) statement that Torres is spending government funds "like there is no tomorrow."

Torres asked if it is lavish when the administration has to update all the vehicles, to update their computers, and to do all for the departments to provide better services.

"How do you provide better services if all your equipment is 20

years old, 10 years old, regardless what it is?" he said.

The governor said everyone needs to update their equipment in order to provide healthcare services, better public services, better 911, better emergency vehicles, and ambulances.

"We need to upgrade all of our vehicles and update all our training for every government employee. Then you can ask for a better service," he said.

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of ideas that should be brought to the table.

The challenges facing the Marianas' economy are significant. The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed our community's progress and impacted our entrepreneurs' plans and goals. However, working to recover our economy and grow it to new heights of responsible and sustainable levels is possible. It will require all stakeholders to bring their ideas to the table and see them realized.

The council is honored to mark its second anniversary with the launch of the Marianas School Pride program. We are proud to be working with the CNMI's youth to improve the quality of their experiences at the school level. You can find out more about the exciting contests and activities we have planned for students this school year on our refreshed website at cnmieconomy.com.

The work that we do continues to be an investment in the future of the Marianas. We invite you to join the movement to improve life in the Marianas. Together, We Can!

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Palacios allegedly defaulted on his monthly payments for more than 30 years and that as of May 6, 2020, he was in arrears of \$65,000.

Dela Cruz and Villagomez said despite owing the government \$65,000, as a lieutenant governor, Palacios requested the government to renew his lease agreement for another 25 years.

They said that, on March 23, 2021, DPL approved Palacios' request to extend the lease agreement for another 25 years with a monthly payment of \$1,170 under his and his wife's company name, A&M Corp.

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TOGETHER

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through the development and continued refinement of its 10-year plan.

The council gathered ideas and solutions for the wide range of challenges the Marianas is facing, from economic recovery in the post-pandemic world to long-standing challenges related to business growth and diversification and drafted its 10-year plan. GCEA organized its membership into eight planning committees that focused on specific issues such as sustainability, small business development and retention, government services, and workforce development, among others. Discussions about these issues in the planning committees result in an analysis of root causes and proposals for actions by the government, community organizations, and the private sector.

To achieve GCEA's goal of promoting the development of the Marianas as a world-class tourist destination and improving the quality of life for residents of these islands, key highlights of the effort include:

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Economic Development Authority through statutory amendments that will permit the establishment of investment incentives for targeted industries, locations, or facilities.

Realigning responsibilities and authorities relating to the management and maintenance of primary tourist sites, placing duties and resources toward focused management of key locations.

Establishing the framework for all stakeholders to collaborate toward assessing the Marianas permitting and regulatory system to promote greater cohesion in government services while easing the administrative burden of small business owners and entrepreneurs.

At its core, the 10-year plan is intended to be an iterative process in which new ideas are added to the blueprint for achieving higher levels of sustainable growth for the economy. This includes increasing opportunities for residents to benefit from a strong and vibrant community. Currently, the plan contains 37 action items that cover the short, medium, and long-term goals that GCEA sees as achievable for the Marianas. Discussions are ongoing, with events like the 2022 Friends of Small Business Summit adding to the diversity

of ideas that should be brought to the table.

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certain age, is going to be hard to find that person.

He said they can't announce party affiliation, but everybody knows who they are, and what their party is even though it's not stated on a ballot.

"So I don't think that totally overcomes that issue," the chief public defender said.

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HARTIG

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will of the governor, serves as a Cabinet member of the governor, and essentially follows orders from the governor.

Hartig said the fact also that the elected official would run not affiliated with a political party, but someone who's otherwise qualified, been in law enforcement for five years, a resident here for five years, is of a



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IN CASE OF MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING MINOR Court urged to suppress statements made to DOC officers

The defense counsel for a man accused of sexually abusing a minor has requested the Superior Court to suppress statements made to Department of Corrections officers in this case.

The defense counsel for Frankie Rettanlug, assistant public defender Vina Seelam, has filed a motion asking the Superior Court to suppress statements made by her client after he was interviewed by the Department of Corrections on the morning of May 30, 2022.

Seelam argues that the

statements made in this interview was a direct product of an improper promise by the police that her client would be released from jail if he gave a statement.

Rettanlug did not voluntarily waive his rights because he only did so believing that he could only be released if he spoke with the detectives. Therefore, the statement he made was the product of improper coercion by police. Because Mr. Rettanlug's statement was involuntarily made, it must be

suppressed," the lawyer said.

The lawyer also stated that based on what the detective conducting the interview told the defendant, Rettanlug believed that he would only be released from jail if he gave them a statement.

"Rettanlug signed the 'Your Constitutional Rights' form when asked to do so by the detective. He thought that he could only be released from jail if he signed the form. Mr. Rettanlug did not understand that if he asked for an attorney, the interview would stop

and he would not have to answer the detective's questions without an attorney present," Seelam said.

Seelam also argued that although Rettanlug's primary language is Satawalese, the interview was conducted in English without the assistance of an interpreter.

"Mr. Rettanlug completed schooling through the 12th grade, and his primary language throughout his schooling was Satawalese," Seelam said.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has scheduled a hearing on this motion for Nov. 30, 2022, at 10 am.

According to *Saipan Tri-*

bune archives, Rettanlug and his co-defendant, Tim Onopey, allegedly sexually molested a 17-year-old girl on May 29, 2022.

Onopey, 25, and Rettanlug, 27, were each charged with sexual assault in the first degree.

On May 29, 2022, at around 8:17pm, police officers responded to two reported sexual assault incidents at the Guma Sakman in Susupe.

Police arrested Rettanlug and Onopey for allegedly committing the crime and transported both to the Department of Corrections for booking.

Rettanlug remained in custody of Corrections overnight. *(Kimberly B. Esmores)*



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/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date 9/23/2022

OPA: Citizen-Centric Report due on Oct. 30

The Office of Public Auditor is reminding all reporting agencies that the Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) for Fiscal Year 2022 is due on Oct. 30, 2022. Please forward all reports to mail@opacnmi.com. Failure to file may result in a penalty of \$50 per day for first time offenses and \$100 per day for second or subsequent offenses until the violation is cured.

The CCR is a four-page report that was created by the Association of Government Accountants as a way to simplify communication between the government and its citizens. The 20th NMI Legislature passed P.L. 20-83 which requires all CNMI govern-

ment agencies to file a CCR.

This law requires CCR submissions by "every secretary, director, administrator, president or head of a Commonwealth agency, including line departments and agencies, autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, public corporations, the mayor's offices, municipal councils, and boards and commissions."

An electronic copy of the report shall be submitted to the Office of the Public Auditor and the presiding officers of the Legislature. Additionally, the report shall be posted on the website of the entity, the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Public Auditor,

and the CNMI Legislature.

For more information, please visit our website at www.opacnmi.com or contact our office at (670) 322-6481/2. *(PR)*

Jury selection on Oct. 11 canceled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "21YS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, Oct. 11, 2022 at 8:30am is hereby canceled until further notice.

For further information, contact clerk of court Patrick Diaz at Superior Court at telephone no. 670-236-9783 or 670-783-8522. *(PR)*



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-22-040

A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary for the removal of the existing A-16 Sewer Lift Station 350 KW Generator and Automatic Transfer Switch, procurement of a new 350 KW generator and Automatic Transfer Switch, modification of the existing concrete generator pad to match the new pad size requirement (if needed), restoration of the existing oil containment berm, repair of exhaust & muffler, and equipment start-up and commissioning. The work shall be done in accordance with the Scope of Work and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-040, A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 13, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of One Hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bonds must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 23, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer via email address nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and to Marcela Tenorio, P&S, Purchasing Technician Senior via email, marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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CW-1 petitions under Disaster Recovery Workforce Act ceases

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will no longer accept CW-1 petitions filed by employers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act on or after Oct. 1, 2022.

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 included the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act, Title IX, Div. P, Pub. L. 116-94 (48 U.S.C. 1801 note). The Disaster Recovery Workforce Act increased the CW-1 cap by 3,000

for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, for construction and extraction occupations for certain workers performing service or labor directly connected to, or associated with recovery from a presidentially declared major disaster or emergency, or for

preparation for a future disaster or emergency. As a CW-1 petition filed under the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act must request a start date no later than Sept. 30, 2022. USCIS cannot accept petitions under the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act

filed after Sept. 30, and any such petitions will be denied.

Starting Oct. 1, construction and extraction occupations are prohibited under the CW-1 program, except for long-term workers. USCIS continues to accept CW-1 petitions other

than those seeking approval under the Disaster Recovery Workforce Act.

Additional information on the CW-1 program is available on the CW-1: CNMI-Only Transitional Worker page. (PR)

Staffler documentary to be shown Oct. 13 at AMP Theater

Just in time for Humanities Month, the CNMI public is invited to the American Memorial Park Theater on Oct. 13 at 6pm for an open viewing of Leila Staffler's second documentary film "Exploring Latte in the Marianas: Amot Giya Alamagan."

"Exploring Latte in the Marianas: Amot Giya Alamagan" is the second film in the series Staffler has created in an effort to provide visual representations of latte stones and cultural artifacts in Gāni;

the Northern Islands in the Marianas chain. This second film depicts latte villages, lusong and medicinal plants found on Alamagan Island. It also features interviews with Alamagan residents and practicing yo'amtí, skilled medi-

nal healers. The team who participated in the expedition include the renowned medicinal healer Señor Donald Mendiola, his apprentices Teri Francisco and Louie Calalyag, cameramen Leni Leon and Taj Salas, proj-

ect director Leila Staffler, Dr. Lily Muldoon, Precinct 4 and Northern Islands Rep. Sheila Babauta, Ms. CNMI Universe Savannah Delos Santos, academics Dr. Tiara Naputi and Andrew Gumataotao along with several other nature and cultural history enthusiasts. Mayor Vicente C. Santos Jr. and his family members who resided on Alamagan supported this project as hosts and guides. In preparation for this film, Staffler consulted with cultural leaders Manny Borja, Dr. Ignacia Demapan, John "Mames" Castro, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and the Historic Preservation Office.

"This project is important to the NMI community because it documents for posterity two topics that are part of what make us unique as a people — one of our most known cultural icons, the latte stone, [and] our cultural practice of natural healing," says project director Leila Staffler. "Many people don't realize that there are latte stones on all of our islands. By filming these sites [in Alamagan], it reminds our people and our visitors that we once inhabited all of the Mariana Islands. Our culture and our history extend beyond our reef, and into Gāni. This film intends to emphasize the importance of protecting our lands because they are the foundations of our culture. They hold the secrets to the

past that we have not yet uncovered. We have so much to learn about our history, we just need to invest in uncovering the stories left behind."

"Our yo'amtí community are aging and there are not as many youths who are continuing this important cultural art," she adds. "This film hopes to share the wonders of natural healing through stories and demonstrating simple ways we can incorporate it into our daily life. Ultimately, I hope to inspire our youth to pursue reviving this cultural practice."

The both films in Staffler's series, "Exploring Latte in the Marianas" are available to view on YouTube.

This project is made possible in part by funding from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this project do not necessarily represent those of the council or NEH. The council supports high quality public humanities programming for the people of the Marianas in accordance with the Council's Gi Hiyong i Mamati—Mwirilóol Woosch Strategic Master Plan. For more information about the Humanities Council's Community Grants Program, contact the Council at 235-4785; info@nmhcouncil.org; or visit www.nmhccouncil.org. (PR)

WIA gets \$7.5M grant for SkillUp CNMI project

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$7,508,990 million in a Dislocated Worker Grant to the CNMI's DOL Workforce Investment Agency to support its proposed project SkillUp CNMI. The project, SkillUp CNMI, promotes enhanced strategic public-private partnerships to convey an effective plan to address the shortfalls of the workforce. SkillUp CNMI is designed to serve communities in priority industries, such as Infrastructure-related sectors, including manufacturing, construction, communications, transportation, distribution and logistics; Care Economy sectors such as health and child care; Environmental remediation and climate change mitigation-related industries; and other critical industries such as

leisure/hospitality and individuals who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the social and economic inequities that the pandemic exacerbated, to enter, return to, and/or advance in high-quality jobs in the mentioned growth industries.

"This is exciting news for the CNMI," said Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente. "As we continue to emerge from the economic fallout of the pandemic, there will be more opportunities to support the recovery of the business community and affected CNMI workers, most especially those experiencing inordinate social and economic inequities." For further information, contact the CNMI DOL Workforce Investment Agency at tel. 670-664-1708, or email: cnmiwia@dol.gov.mp. (PR)

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Whether it's asteroids, viruses or climate change, science is humanity's hope

NASA this week successfully did what it normally tries to avoid, and destroyed one of its own space-craft—by ramming it into an asteroid. It was the first step in an experiment that could one day spare humanity from the fate of the dinosaurs by knocking a celestial threat off course. In an age when science is too often under attack from climate change deniers, anti-vaxxers and others, it's a timely reminder that scientists are, in fact, on the good side.

The space agency's Double Asteroid Redirection Test, aptly given the acronym DART, aimed a refrigerator-sized spacecraft at a football-stadium-sized asteroid and, on Monday evening, scored a bull's-eye. The idea is to see whether striking the asteroid, called Dimorphos, might change its trajectory. Dimorphos circles a larger asteroid in a known orbit, so NASA should be able to ascertain within a few months whether it has successfully altered that orbit—which would be a first in human history.

The stakes couldn't be higher. There are no non-avian dinosaurs in today's zoos because, 66 million years ago, a six-mile-wide asteroid struck Earth in what is now Mexico, raising smoke and dust that blotted out the sun worldwide for years and starved them into extinction.

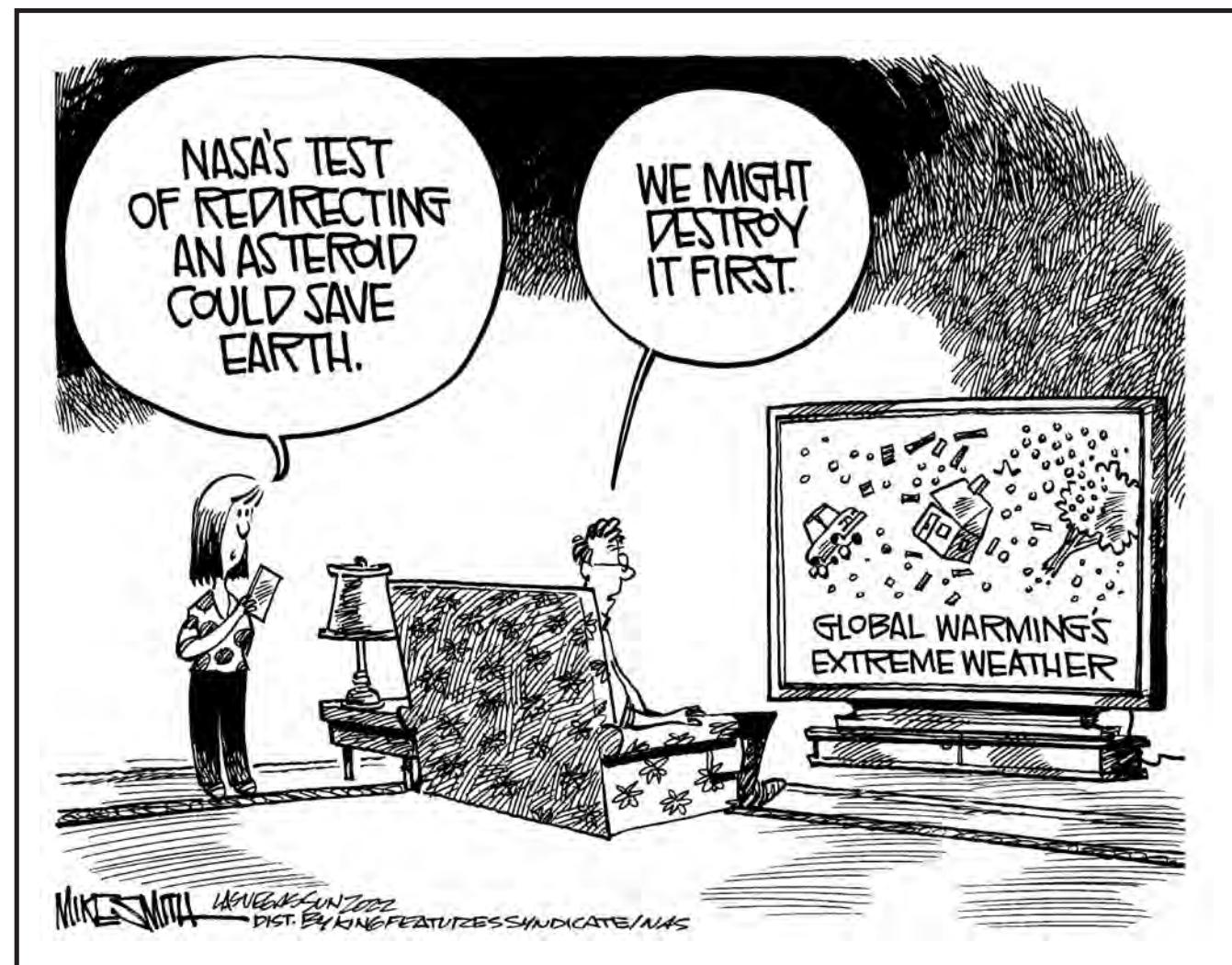
There are no known extinction-level asteroids on course toward Earth within at least the next 50 years, but the law of averages says it will happen again someday. If an approaching object can be intercepted millions of miles out and years in advance, even a small nudge could mean the difference between the continuing advancement of civilization or a return to the Stone Age.

The success of the NASA test so far has been an astonishing scientific feat with the single-minded goal of protecting humanity. Back on Earth, exactly the same can be said of the lightning-fast development of coronavirus vaccines, and the continuing efforts by scientists to quantify and address the looming threats posed by human-caused climate change. Yet in too many corners of American politics, these steady societal servants of fact-based expertise have been trashed as anti-industrial zealots or vaccination conspirators.

The right's bizarre fixation on Dr. Anthony Fauci, condemning him as the villain of the pandemic rather than its most prominent hero, is just one example of this toxic phenomenon. Another is the fact that more than 95% of scientists agree that human activity has caused the destructive climate change that is more obvious by the year—yet more than 100 members of Congress continue to deny it.

Scientists aren't flawless or all-knowing, but they deserve more trust than those who impugn their expertise and motives for the sake of demagoguery. Whether the threat is from space, or a virus, or humanity's own environmental shortsightedness, the solution is to trust the science—and to reject the know-nothing extremism that afflicts too much of a nation's politics today.

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After a pandemic boom in child obesity, it's time for families to recommit to health

Get outside. Eat healthy food. Keep moving. That all sounds easy enough, right? Such pithy directives for a healthy lifestyle are now so common that they've become a kind of white noise in our daily lives. But as kids return to school this fall, it's the perfect time for families to recommit to their physical and mental health.

There's some urgency in my recommendation. Many families are still grappling with the secondary physical and psychosocial health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic—including an alarming surge in obesity and Type 2 diabetes among children.

As a pediatric endocrinologist at Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital, I've seen firsthand an explosion of child obesity among our patients during the pandemic. My colleagues and I have also observed an alarming increase in children with new onset Type 2 diabetes, which is directly related to the widespread weight gain among our patients.

In a recent study published in the Journal of Diabetes, my colleagues found that diagnoses of Type 2 diabetes at Lurie increased nearly 300% from the pre-pandemic annual mean. Black and Hispanic children represented the majority of diagnoses, which likely reflects the persistent societal inequities in access to healthy food and other resources.

These findings are deeply unsettling. Fifteen years ago, when I began my career in pediatric endocrinology, we rarely diagnosed Type 2 diabetes in children. As child obesity has become more prevalent, it's become much more common.

What's most scary is the rapid progression for children, which can lead to organ disease such as kidney failure and heart disease and will affect the mortality rate.

Put in simple terms, prevention really is a matter of life and death. It's not surprising that kids gained weight during the pandemic. Many of us did. We were at home more and glued to our screens. Many working families had their children at home, but with less access to healthy food and perhaps more reliance on processed foods.

National research has shown that lower-income Black and Latino families were disproportionately affected by food insecurity during the pandemic. It shouldn't surprise anyone to hear there are also inequities in access to opportunities for safe outdoor recreation. I've heard from many parents of my patients at Lurie that they didn't feel safe allowing their child to play at the neighborhood park or walk to school.

That's unfair and unjust.

At Nourishing Hope, formerly known as Lakeview Pantry,

By JAMI JOSEFSON
Chicago Tribune

Dr. Jami Josefson is a pediatric endocrinologist at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and also is on the faculty at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine. In addition to her clinical work, Josefson researches the origins of childhood obesity and studies pregnancy metabolism and outcomes in children.



where I serve as a board member, we saw a historic rise early in the pandemic in the number of people turning to us for food assistance. My children and I volunteered at Nourishing Hope's massive food distribution at Wrigley Field, which fed tens of thousands of people who needed help.

It was surreal and inspiring and heartbreaking, all at once.

Though we are no longer in the peak of the pandemic, the need for food assistance remains extremely high. Grocery prices increased 13.5% in the 12-month period ending in August, according to the latest inflation report, the largest 12-month increase since 1979.

Last month alone, Nourishing Hope, which also provides free mental health counseling, served more than 1,700 families with children—more than double the number in August 2021.

The good news is that kids are back in school, which means more access to healthy food and more physical activity and socializing with their friends. We can all do something to help prevent child obesity and metabolic disease. If you're someone with means to help, you could donate or volunteer at one of the many Chicago nonprofits that provide food or youth activities for lower-income families.

Parents, there's no one right way to keep your children healthy and active. What works for one family may not for another. Involving your children in helping to prepare dinner is a great way to teach them about making healthy meals. Insisting on them putting down the iPad and joining you for a walk is a battle worth fighting. Each day is a blank slate. Keep trying.

There's much to be grateful for. We have an opportunity to live our fullest, healthiest life—and help others do the same.

Let's make the most of it.

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We're old, we're progressive, and we vote

By HEATHER BOOTH and BILL MCKIBBEN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The GOP has been flailing a little in recent weeks, as an election once expected to be a typical midterm blowout has tightened considerably. If the GOP expects that older voters will bail them out as in elections past, our advice is, think again.

The folk wisdom, of course, is that older voters are more conservative—an idea with at least some statistical support. There is an entire media ecosystem geared to rattling the fears of us older people. At Fox News, where the median viewer age is generally put at 68, there's always some new scary myth (migrant invasions, antifa rioters). And there's also the widespread sense that the old hearken back to some more homogenized past—as one commentator hewing to the stereotype put it recently, “The people who historically turn out (to vote) are older white folks who long for the good ol' days when a man could support his family, and those uppity (insert invective here) knew their place.”

But those assumptions don't survive a brush with the data, at least not in this election cycle. It's true that older voters backed Donald Trump in 2016, but that support began to wane considerably in 2020; earlier this year some pollsters started noticing a pronounced shift. And if you look at the cross tabs of recent surveys, you find some fascinating results.

Look at, say, the Senate race in Wisconsin, where 67-year-old white guy Ron Johnson is taking on 35-year-old not-white-guy Mandela Barnes. In a September Marquette University survey, Johnson gets his highest unfavorable ratings from likely voters over 60; Barnes finds his biggest supporters in that same group, and by a large margin compared with younger voters.

Or take a look at Arizona—plenty of old people there, and

Law prof makes case for barring insurrectionist from holding office. Is Trump next?

Mark Gruber, regents professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and constitutional expert, helped make the case for the disqualification of a New Mexico official who took part in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. The case, says Gruber, was an important test for efforts to bar from public office anyone who tried to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's election. That could include the former president, who played a big role in inciting the mob.

Last month in a courtroom in Santa Fe, Gruber testified that the words and actions of Couy Griffin, a Republican commissioner of Otero County and co-founder of Cowboys for Trump, met the standard for an insurrectionist, under Section 3 of the Fourteenth amendment. I quote it here, with my emphases in italics: “No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who … shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.”

Earlier this year, in federal court, Griffin had been found guilty of entering a restricted area during the Capitol attack.

That led three New Mexico residents, backed by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), to ask a state judge to remove Griffin from office and disqualify him from future elections. The plaintiffs cited Section 3, the disqualification provision that dates back to the post-Civil War period, but with roots in case law from citizen defiance of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

Evidence presented at Griffin's trial revealed that Cowboys for Trump helped mobilize the “stop the steal” protest that led to the Jan. 6 attack. Videos showed Griffin using a bullhorn and firing up Trump supporters against former Vice President Mike Pence.

According to The Albuquerque Journal, Griffin “went on a bus tour across the country in the days leading up to the

another hot Senate race between Trumpish Blake Masters and liberal Mark Kelly. In an August Fox News poll, seniors give Kelly his largest margin of any cohort, 51-38—compared with, say, 46-39 for those under age 45. The latest polls, happily, show younger people emulating their elders.

Results like this don't surprise us. We think, in fact, we have a pretty good idea of what's going on.

Some of it is enlightened self-interest. The GOP has been making alarming threats about Social Security and Medicare. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, who would likely lead the budget committee in a Republican Senate, has called for “entitlement reform”; Rick Scott, the chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, has talked about “sunsetting” all federal legislation and specifically wants to “review” and “fix” Social Security, which was created by legislation. Wisconsin's Johnson thinks Social Security and Medicare shouldn't be automatically funded but voted on every year.

Our hearing may not be quite as good as it once was, but dog whistles still resonate; the average Medicare recipient has an income of \$30,000 a year, so we old folks pay attention.

But there's also something deeper at work here. Older people today mostly aren't looking back to some bucolic, Hallmark card existence as their touchstone. If you are in your 60s or 70s or early 80s now, some of your youth was spent in the epic maelstrom that was the 1960s, a time of immense cultural change. The people who didn't trust anyone over 30 are now at least twice that age themselves, and their formative years include supporting precisely the things that today's GOP is targeting.

Consider: Many of the laws that the Supreme Court is weakening, blocking or overturning were the product of our cohort: the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (which followed the epic registration drives led by young activists in the South), the Gun Control Act

of 1968 (which followed the generation-shaking assassinations of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.), the Clean Air Act of 1971 (after young people organized the first Earth Day) and Roe v. Wade in 1973. Those of us past 60 spent a good part of our lives with guardrails in place so most Americans could vote, with some kinds of restrictions on assault weapons, with a federal government trying to clean up pollution and with women exercising control over their bodies. If we were going to be conservative, this is what we'd be conserving!

The slogan of our organization, Third Act, reflects that activism: “We won these fights once, we can win them again.” But, in fact, older Americans are not stuck in the past—we're also eager to take on the challenges that have arisen in our lifetimes, climate change chief among them.

We recognize we're responsible for much of the damage and we know that our children and grandchildren will have to live with the results, so while we're still here we're trying to do what we now can to turn things around. (Among other things, we can pledge to cut up our credit cards from the four biggest American banks, who are also the four biggest lenders to the fossil fuel industry.) Our age group wants what we've always wanted: a caring and free society.

And we'll make our power known on election day too. One piece of conventional wisdom about older Americans is very true: We believe in voting. There's no way to keep us away from the polls. Which should worry the Republicans a little, because we're not your grandparents' grandparents.

Heather Booth is board chair of Third Act, mobilizing progressive older Americans. She ran the Biden campaign's outreach to senior voters in 2020. Environmentalist Bill McKibben is the founder of Third Act and author, most recently, of The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon.

By DAN RODRICKS
The Baltimore Sun



attack, where he urged Trump supporters to rally around the Capitol on Jan. 6. He was a vocal activist during the attack and he continued to speak favorably of the riot in the days after the attack in videos that were posted to social media.”

Last month, the trial judge ruled that Griffin should be removed from office. “He took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States … [and then] engaged in that insurrection after taking his oath,” Judge Francis Mathew found.

Mark Gruber was a key witness against Griffin. The law professor has since written an article for Lawfare detailing the history of insurrection—there are fascinating references to a Supreme Court justice from Baltimore and a Monkton farmer who held people in slavery—and reflecting on what it could mean for efforts today to disqualify other officeholders who in some way took part in the Capitol attack.

“Although the Griffin decision is not binding law outside of a judicial district in New Mexico, Mathew's opinion provides a foundation for current or future legal actions seeking to disqualify past or present Republican officeholders,” Gruber writes, citing CREW's efforts and that of another group to keep Donald Trump's name off ballots in 2024.

Trump has not been charged with any crimes connected to Jan. 6, though the House select committee investigating the riot made clear that Trump had an outsized role in turning his crowd of supporters into a mob and pointing them toward the Capitol.

In his essay, published Monday, Gruber stops short of declaring him an insurrectionist.

“Trump was aware of violent threats on Jan. 6,” Gruber writes. He “gave a speech that day that incited the protesters to head to the Capitol, exhibited no concern when the protesters became a mob that invaded the Capitol, and did nothing for hours to assist law enforcement efforts. The extent to which Trump helped plan or instigate the insurgents beyond his speech, however, is controversial and still being investigated by Congress.”

We haven't been here much in the 150 years since Section

3's ratification. That's why Jan. 6 was such a shock to the American system.

But I've heard enough to no longer hesitate in calling Trump an insurrectionist. Don't forget: A federal judge found that Trump probably committed a felony with his words and actions after the 2020 presidential election. “Based on the evidence,” U.S. District Judge David Carter declared in July, “the Court finds it more likely than not that President Trump corruptly attempted to obstruct the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.” Carter, ruling on a demand for documents from former Trump lawyer John Eastman, referenced a memo that, he said, “clearly advanced the plan to obstruct the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.”

So, even if Trump was not physically at the Capitol, it has become increasingly evident that he was the motivator of those who were. “President Trump summoned the mob, assembled the mob and lit the flame of this attack,” said Rep. Liz Cheney, vice chair of the House select committee investigating the riot.

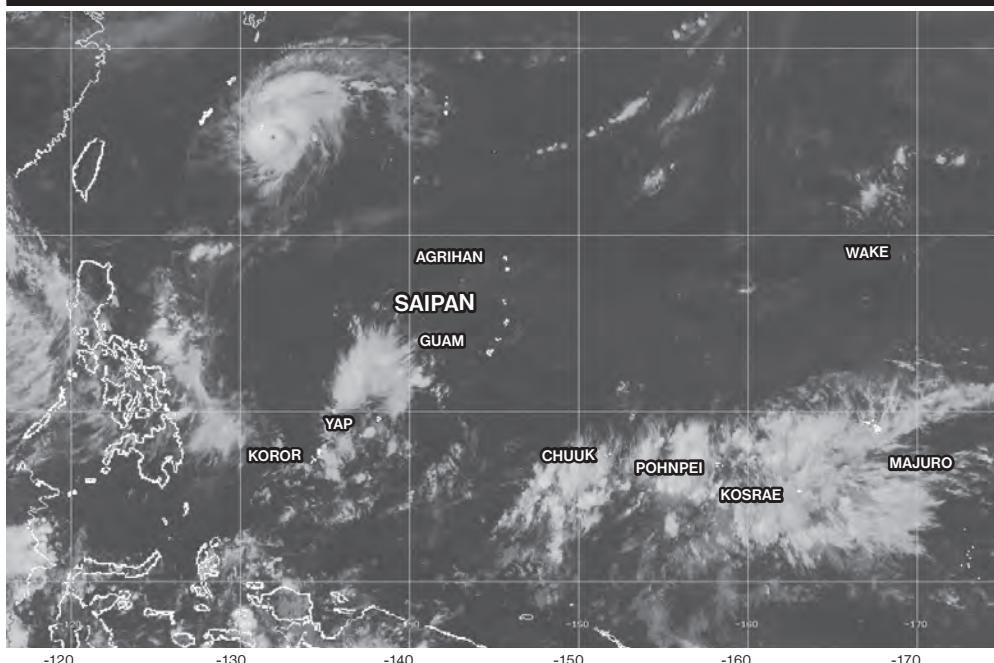
So what's missing is a criminal charge and a judicial ruling like the one in the Griffin case—that a sworn official of the government took part in an insurrection against the United States and is, therefore, barred from holding office. If a county commissioner can be disqualified, so can the guy who inspired him.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Partly sunny	A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy	A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy
87°	76°	87°	76°	86°
77°	86°	76°	85°	76°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:37 AM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

There are a few showers scattered across the region, most are fairly short lived. The past few hours there has been a decreasing trend in activity in Guam and Rota waters and an increase in Tinian and Saipan waters. The Ipan buoy shows a primary east swell of 3 feet while the Ritidian and Tanapag buoys shows a primary north swell of 3 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:06 AM	6:07 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:06 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:05 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:05 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:46 AM	9:20 PM	-
Saturday	10:47 AM	10:14 PM	-
Sunday	11:51 AM	11:13 PM	-
Monday	12:53 PM	-	-
Tuesday	-	12:16 AM	1:53 PM

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Honolulu	Sunny	87° / 75°
London	Rain	62° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 65°
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 76°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	66° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
New York	Mostly Sunny	68° / 53°
Osaka	Sunny	85° / 68°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	66° / 55°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	81° / 64°
Rome	Thunderstorms	74° / 62°
Salem	Sunny	74° / 55°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	73° / 56°
Seoul	Sunny	81° / 56°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	81° / 65°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	70° / 54°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
4:20 AM	Low Tide	0.01
10:58 AM	High Tide	1.81
4:36 PM	Low Tide	1.07
9:49 PM	High Tide	1.83

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1 5 via Palau	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam	
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1 5 via Palau, Guam	
SAIPAN-NARITA				NARITA-SAIPAN			
UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5	UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1 2, 4, 7	
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (<i>The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.</i>)							
MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS							
INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022							
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)		7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.			10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.		
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)		4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	
SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.			9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.		
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.			2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.		
SAIPAN TO GUAM				GUAM TO SAIPAN			
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.						

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LTA takes it to the next level

After being credited with introducing and helping to launch the CNMI's first cybersecurity operation through their partnership with IntelSecure, Inc., Latte Training Academy, Inc. realized the power of creating employment opportunities within the CNMI. Building off their success, the organization has now shifted to offer its participants the opportunity to train and operate within the retail industry.

"The organization recognized the benefit to not only training residents, but more importantly in the power of employment creation. We saw this in the cy-

bersecurity industry and decided to utilize our resources to begin setting up operations which not only train participants but creates employment opportunities for them. With that, we launched the Next Level Thrift & Consignment Shop as a starting point. As part of the program, participants can receive training through the National Retail Foundation (NRF) and gain employment within the Next Level operations," said LTA secretary Alexis Hofsneider.

The Next Level Thrift & Consignment Shop is located at 303 Marianas Business Plaza

and offers gently used clothing and locally crafted goods at a bargain rate. The focus is to allow participants to gain firsthand experience in areas to include merchandising, customer service, inventory management, marketing, sales and accounting which supplements their coursework through the NRF.

"This is part of LTA's new direction. In previous years, we have focused just on classroom and online course offerings, with little to no practical experience. When we partnered to launch the CNMI Cybersecurity operations, we saw the power was really in

the employment opportunities created as a result. The Next Level Thrift & Consignment Shop is just the first in a series of operations that LTA plans on launching. Our next endeavor will focus on the utilization of social media content editing and management, which is an emerging trend in the tech industry. We want to be able to provide industry development in industries that allow us to create employment opportunities on Tinian and Rota, as well as in Saipan," said LTA president Juan Carlos Benitez.

To learn more about the Latte Training Academy and the Next Level Thrift shop, visit www.lattetraining.org or www.nxtlv-lcmni.com. (PR)

Local students named to 2021-2022 UAF honors lists

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—The University of Alaska Fairbanks has announced the students named to the deans' and chancellor's lists for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters. The lists recognize students' outstanding academic achievements.

Students receiving a 3.9 grade point average or higher are placed on the chancellor's list, while those receiving a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.89 are named to the deans' list.

Following are the names of the local students who earned academic honors at UAF:

- Trini Iguel of Saipan, MP—Fall 2021 chancellor's list and spring 2022 deans' list
- Imma Litulumar of Saipan, MP—Fall 2021 chancellor's list and spring 2022 deans' list

UAF is a Land, Sea and Space Grant institution, and is the leading doctoral degree-granting institution in the state of Alaska. Since it was founded in 1917, UAF has been internationally recognized for research relating to the Arctic and sub-Arctic, in areas such as biology, geophysics, engineering, natural resources, and global climate change. (PR)



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Board of Parole Executive Meeting Agenda

I. Preliminary Matters

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items

- A. Adoption of Agenda
- B. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
 - a) Parole Hearing Minutes – July 7, 2022
 - b) Executive Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2022

III. Miscellaneous

- A. Update on New Board of Parole Regulations
- B. Schedule of next Parole Hearing
- C. Schedule of next Executive Meeting

IV. Adjournment

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole office at telephone numbers 664-3300.

/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas
BOP Chairman

9/27/2022
Date



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I. Preliminary Matters

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- 2. Roll call
- 3. Presence of Quorum

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- 1. Adoption of Agenda

III. Parole Hearing

	BOP No.:	Criminal Case No.:
1. Calistro Crisostomo	22-008	19-0080D
2. Steven Hasugulgam	22-009	18-0102B/19-0035B/ 19-033E/19-0030B/ 19-0034A/19-0038E/ 19-0039A
3. Travis Camacho	22-010	20-0052B
4. Joshua Martin	22-011	12-0125D
5. Shawn C. Appleby	22-012-RA	96-319
6. Clifford Palacios	22-001-RA	19-0115

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/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas
Chairman, Board of Parole



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I. Parolee

1. ALFONSO RAMON Cr. Cs. No.: 12-0143 B.O.P. No.: 18-003

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/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas
BOP Chairman

9/27/2022
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAI PAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BUS PARKING CANOPY REPAIRS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-004-22

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for repairs to the bus parking canopy repairs at the Francisco C. Ada/Sai Pan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Project No. CPA-SA-004-22.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and is in accordance and compliance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations, Section 40-50-202, Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Sai Pan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi Prater at wprater@cnmports.com or Ms. Sheri Llagas at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements shall be submitted to Ms. Prater, CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via email to wprater@cnmports.com or hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office, by no later than 5:00 p.m. CHST, local time, Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m. CHST, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date 8/24/2022



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-22 TINIAN PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT TINIAN HARBOR

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the replacement of seaport perimeter fence, Tinian Harbor, Tinian Island. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone (NMIC § 40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **September 02, 2022**, upon payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport CPA conference room on **September 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** The conference is not mandatory, but proposers submitting their proposals are requested to attend.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 07, 2022**. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

September 02, 2022



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK PORT OF SAIPAN CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022 (CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package will be available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Sai Pan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date 8/26/2022

World Tourism Day celebrated in The Marianas

The Marianas joined the global travel and tourism community in celebrating the United Nations World Tourism Organization's World Tourism Day last Sept. 27.

"A big si Yu'us ma'ase and olomwaay to everyone who came out to celebrate World Tourism Day activities on Tinian, Rota, and Saipan," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo.

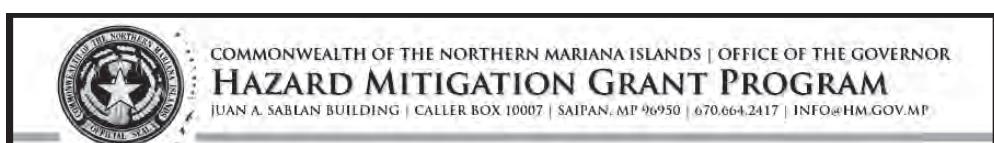
Businesses and other groups participated in island beautification cleanups on Saipan at Paseo de Marianas in down-

town Garapan and at Tinian at Tinian Swimming Hole. Participating groups in Saipan were from Kinpachi Restaurant, Japan Saipan Travel Association, Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association, Saipan Keepers, Loco & Taco, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, the Offices of Vice Speaker B.J. Attao and Rep. Ralph Yumul, Division of Parks & Recreation, and L.J.'s Lawn Care. World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathons were held on all three islands beginning at 6pm. Tinian's walk attracted nearly 200 participants, in-

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Fifty eight participants join the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, on Saipan in celebration of World Tourism Day. Walks were also held in Rota and Tinian, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.



INVITATION FOR BID SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TYPHOON SHUTTERS- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUSUPE BUILDINGS ITB22-GOV-42200152

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), on behalf of the Department of Public Safety is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the Department of Public Safety Susupe Buildings, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **September 16, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of **\$25.00** for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NIMAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70-30-3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **October 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. ChST** at Department of Public Safety, Saipan. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldgguerrero@omb.gov.mp no later than **October 10, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42200152 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- Department of Public Safety Susupe Buildings**. One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST October 19, 2022**. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST October 19, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to [bidinten@dot.gov.mp](mailto:bidintent@dot.gov.mp). For bidder located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 19, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **October 26, 2022**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **9:30 a.m. ChST, November 2, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 19, 2022**.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and ITB Number and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30-3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 120 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be \$100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 117 D 03, containing an area of approximately 4,892 square meters, situated in Puerto Rico, Saipan. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.
- The prospective lessee is Coldwell Energy 1 LLC. The list of officers for Coldwell Energy 1 LLC is David Hood, as Manager.
- The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officer and director of Coldwell Energy 1 LLC, mainly David Hood.
- The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of a business warehouse and storage facility.
- The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.
- The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.
- A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp
- The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Puerto Rico, Saipan.
- The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before October 3, 2022, at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota, or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TĀNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannānā'i huyung nutisia guini put i intension-filha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariānas. Maseha hāyi na patiñā intirisaq gi halum hinirat pupbliku siñu munā'hālun upinon, infotmasion, pat testimonion kinontra gi tinhahquin prinoponi siña para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni más mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattityi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupbliku.

- I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 117 D 03 ni kunsistissi kāsi 4,892 square meters, ni gaigi gi halum Puerto Rico, iya Saipan. I mápa ni ina'annuk i lugat managuaha gi ufisianin Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan gi website i www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.
- I prospective lessee i Coldwell Energy 1 LLC. I listan nu ufisiat siha para i Coldwell Energy 1 LLC sa si David Hood, komu i Manager.
- I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiysi i regulasian DPL siha yan ginen manegosiu ni ufisiat yan direktot nu Coldwell Energy 1 LLC, mayotmenti as David Hood.
- I lessee debi na u usa i lugat put atyu ha' na rason nu i pine'lun fektus/matiřat bisnis yan fasilitat pine'l.
- I tema nu i maproponi na konträtan atkilon sa' bentisingku (25) åñus na tiempu.
- I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' sâkkan gi durântin teman konträtan i atkilon mapega gi put sientus i bâlin "appraised fair market" i propiedat yan i aplikâo na put sientus nu i "Business Gross Receipts" gi halum i regulasian DPL.
- I kopian nu i maproponi na kunträtan atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisianin i Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan i PM Building, giya Tinian. I kopian debi lokku' na u managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp
- I Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tâya marisibi ni hâfa na tinhahquin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Puerto Rico, iya Saipan.
- I Sekritariun Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigui' upiñon, infotmasion, testimonion kinontra pat tinhahquin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisaq na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Oktubri 3, 2022, gi ufisianin Dipättamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sângi Tâli 106 (b) reel Alléghul Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mágangágil rebwe atkkilay akkâaw faluweer toulap Ilol Seipé, Commonwealth Téel Faluw kka Efáng Ilol Marianas. Schóo kka re mwuschel sisilong kkapas, data, views, ngâre anguingi reel pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sângi Alléghul Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirinmirritiw ebwe akkatéewow.

- Ppwomwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e bwâáló bwe Lot 117 D 03, e lo bwe 4,892 reel square meters, iye e lo Puerto Rico, Seipé. E bwâáló wóol móópa faluw yeel me eyoor me Bwulasiyol Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóol website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngâre u mwuschel amwuri.
- Ppwomwol schôol atkkilóón nge Coldwell Energy 1 LLC. List-al officers ngâli Coldwell Energy 1 LLC nge David Hood, bwe Manager.
- Ppwomwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngu fengál me mwóghutughutú DPL me e abwungubwung sângi officer me director-il Coldwell Energy 1 LLC, spesiatamente David Hood.
- Schôol atkkilóón ebwe yáyá faluw ngâli mwóghutughutú "business warehouse" me "storage facility".
- Ppwomwol abwungubwung atkkilóón nge ruweigh me limoow ráagh.
- Ppwomwol atkkilóón ghal ráagh nge e lo reel "percentage of the appraised fair market value" reel faluw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts" ilol mwóghutughutú DPL.
- Pappidil ppwomwol abwungubwung il atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor real Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipé, 1st floor me De'Ana Commercial Building, Apíómwl Songsong, Luuta; ngâre 1st floor real PM Building, Tchiliyol. Ebwal yooyr pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp
- Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh ppwomw iye e siweli faluw reel atkkilóónol faluw ilol Puerto Rico, Seipé.
- Sekkretóriyol Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwel bweibwogh ischil mágangá, views, anguingi ngâre ppwomw iye re siweli sângi schôo kka re mwuschel wóol ngâre mmwalil Ottubre 3, 2022, me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap ikka e lo wóol Seipé, Luuta ngâre Tchiliyol.





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Thirty volunteers joined the World Tourism Day cleanup in Garapan, Saipan, on Sept. 27, 2022. A cleanup was also held on Tinian.



Nearly 200 participants joined the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, on Tinian in celebration of World Tourism Day. Walks were also held in Saipan and Rota, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.



MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Club students tour the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture on World Tourism Day on Sept. 27, 2022, in Garapan, Saipan.



Participants register and receive free T-shirts at the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, beginning at Mina'chom Attdao in Saipan in celebration of World Tourism Day. Walks were also held in Tinian and Rota.



Nearly 200 participants joined the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, on Tinian in celebration of World Tourism Day. A Chamorro and Carolinian cultural attire contest was also held as part of the walk.



Local artist Linda Concepcion Torres conducts a painting class with MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Club students during World Tourism Day on Sept. 27, 2022, at the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture in Garapan, Saipan.



Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan, left, awards Sienna Lazaro a prize for her cultural attire during the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, on Tinian. Also pictured is Marianas Visitors Authority Tinian Field Supervisor Vida Borja.



Community members join the World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathon on Sept. 27, 2022, beginning at East Harbor, Rota, in celebration of World Tourism Day. Walks were also held in Saipan and Tinian, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

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ning at East Harbor drew 22 participants.

In collaboration with the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture, high school Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically (MY

WAVE) clubs of Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School and Kagman High school received free tours in the morning. Students also had the opportunity to join Color Nights painting session with local instructor Linda Torres. (PR)

World

Ian swamps southwest Florida, trapping people in homes

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the U.S., swamped southwest Florida on Wednesday, flooding streets and buildings, knocking out power to over 1 million people and threatening catastrophic damage further inland.

A coastal sheriff's office reported that it was getting many calls from people trapped in homes. The hurricane's center struck near Cayo Costa, a pro-

tected barrier island just west of heavily populated Fort Myers.

Mark Pritchett stepped outside his home in Venice around the time the hurricane churned ashore from the Gulf of Mexico, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) to the south. He called it "terrifying."

"I literally couldn't stand against the wind," Pritchett wrote in a text message. "Rain shooting like needles. My street is a river. Limbs and trees down. And the

worst is yet to come."

The Category 4 storm slammed the coast with 150 mph (241 kph) winds and pushed a wall of storm surge accumulated during its slow march over the Gulf. More than 1.1 million Florida homes and businesses were without electricity. The storm previously tore into Cuba, killing two people and bringing down the country's electrical grid.

About 2.5 million people were ordered to evacuate southwest Florida before Ian hit, but by law no one could be forced to flee.

News anchors at Fort Myers television station WINK had to abandon their usual desk and continue storm coverage from another location in their newsroom because water was pushing into their building near the Caloosahatchee River.

Though expected to weaken to a tropical storm as it marched inland at about 9 mph (14 kph), Ian's hurricane force winds were likely to be felt well into central Florida. Hours after landfall, top sustained winds had dropped to 130 mph (210 kph). Still, storm surges as high as 6 feet (2 meters) were expected on the opposite side of the state,



This image provided by the Naples Fire Rescue Department shows firefighters looking out at the firetruck that stands in water from the storm surge from Hurricane Ian on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 in Naples, Fla. AP

"We have a 50-plus-year-old oak tree that has toppled over."

In Naples, the first floor of a fire station was inundated with about 3 feet (1 meter) of water and firefighters worked to salvage gear from a fire-truck stuck outside the garage in even deeper water, a video posted by the Naples Fire Department showed. Naples is in Collier County, where the sheriff's department reported on Facebook that it was getting "a significant number of calls of people trapped by water in their homes" and that it would prioritize reaching people "reporting life threatening medical emergencies in deep water."

Ian's strength at landfall tied it for the fifth-strongest hurricane when measured by wind speed to strike the U.S. Among the other storms was Hurricane Charley, which hit nearly the same spot on Florida's coast in August 2004, killing 10 people and inflicting \$14 billion in damage.

WORLD BRIEFS

Report: 200 environmental activists killed globally in 2021

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Some 200 environmental and land defense activists were killed around the world in 2021, including some 54 in Mexico, which assumed the position of the deadliest country in the annual report by nongovernmental organization Global Witness. More than three-quarters of the killings took place in Latin America, where Colombia, Brazil and Nicaragua also logged double-digit death tolls. It was the third consecutive year of increases for Mexico and a jump from 30 such activists killed in 2020.

VP Harris to visit DMZ after North Korean missile tests

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris is capping her four-day trip to Asia with a stop at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone dividing the Korean Peninsula as she tries to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to the security of its Asian allies. The visit on Thursday comes on the heels of North Korea's latest missile launches and amid fears that it may conduct a nuclear test. Visiting the DMZ has become something of a ritual for American leaders hoping to show their resolve to stand firm against aggression. North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday, while Harris was in Japan, and had fired one before she left Washington on Sunday. The launches contribute to a record level of missile testing this year.

Gunman kills Chinese-Pakistani national in Karachi, wounds 2

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—A gunman posing

as a dental patient shot and killed a dual national Chinese-Pakistani man working in a dental clinic in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on Wednesday before fleeing the scene, police said. A Chinese couple running the clinic was wounded in the attack, which took place in the city's Sadar neighborhood, said police official Asad Raza. Police identified the victim as Ronald Raymond Chou and the couple as Dr. Richard Hu and Margaret Hu. He said the couple was in stable condition at a hospital.

Record methane leak flows from damaged Baltic Sea pipelines

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Methane leaking from the damaged Nord Stream pipelines is likely to be the biggest burst of the potent greenhouse gas on record, by far. The Nord Stream pipeline leaks that were pumping huge volumes of methane into the Baltic Sea and atmosphere could discharge as much as five times as much of the potent greenhouse gas as was released by the Aliso Canyon disaster, the largest known terrestrial release of methane in U.S. history. It is also the equivalent of one third of Denmark's total annual greenhouse gas emissions, a Danish official warned Wednesday. "Whoever ordered this should be prosecuted for war crimes and go to jail," said Rob Jackson, a Stanford University climate scientist.

Two scientists looked at the official worst case scenario estimates provided by the Danish government—778 million cubic meters of gas—for The Associated Press. Jackson and David Hastings, a retired chemical oceanographer in Gainesville, Florida each calculated that would be an equivalent of roughly half a million metric tons of methane. The Aliso Canyon disaster released 90-100,000 metric tons.

Russia positioned itself Wednesday to formally annex parts of Ukraine where occupied areas held a Kremlin-orchestrated "referendum" on living under Moscow's rule that the Ukrainian government and the West denounced as illegal and rigged.

Armed troops had gone door-to-door with election officials to collect ballots in five days of voting. The suspiciously high margins in favor were characterized as a land grab by an increasingly cornered Russian leadership after embarrassing military losses in Ukraine.

Moscow-installed administrations in the four regions of southern and eastern Ukraine claimed Tuesday night that 93% of the ballots cast in the Zaporizhzhia region supported annexation, as did 87% in the Kherson region, 98% in the Luhansk region and 99% in Donetsk.

Pro-Russia officials in the four regions said they would ask Russian President Vladimir Putin to incorporate their provinces into Russia on the basis of announced vote results. Separatist leaders Leonid Pasechnik in Luhansk and

in northeast Florida.

"This is going to be a nasty nasty day, two days," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said, urging people in Ian's path along the Atlantic coast to rush to the safest possible shelter and stay there.

Jackson Boone left his home

near the Gulf coast and hunkered down at his law office in Venice with employees and their pets. Boone at one point opened a door to howling wind and rain flying sideways.

"We're seeing tree damage, horizontal rain, very high wind," Boone said by phone.

Russia poised to annex occupied Ukraine after sham vote



Debris of a railway depot ruined after a Russian rocket attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. AP

Denis Pushilin in Donetsk said they were leaving for Moscow to settle the annexation formalities.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry called the balloting "a propaganda show" and "null and worthless."

"Forcing people in these territories to fill out some papers at the barrel of a gun is yet another Russian crime in the course of its aggression against Ukraine," it said.

Western countries also dis-

missed the balloting as an attempt by Moscow to legitimize its invasion of Ukraine launched on Feb. 24.

"Regardless of Russia's claims, this remains Ukrainian territory and Ukraine has every right to continue to fight for their full sovereignty," said White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre.

"In response, we will work with our allies and partners to impose additional economic costs" on Russia and

supporters of any annexation, she said.

Separately, the U.S. announced an additional \$1.1 billion in aid to Kyiv, with funding for about 18 more advanced rocket systems and other weapons to counter drones that Russia has been using against Ukrainian troops. The latest package brings the total of U.S. aid to Ukraine to nearly \$17 billion since the Biden administration took office.

Off The Wall

Blind dog rescued from a hole at California construction site



This image provided by the Pasadena Fire Department showing firefighters pose with a Cesar a blind dog that was rescued from a hole in Pasadena, Calif. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022.

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—

Firefighters have rescued a 13-year-old blind dog that fell into a hole at a California construction site.

According to KABC-TV, the dog, named Cesar, lives next to the site in Pasadena with his owner. The dog apparently wandered onto the site, said Cesar's owner Mary, who declined to give her last name.

Cesar then fell into the hole, which was about 15 feet (4.5 meters) deep and 3 feet (0.91 meters) wide,

around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Mary was alerted by the barking of her other dog. Cesar responded and she could hear he was no longer in her own yard. A Pasadena search and rescue team soon responded to the scene.

Pasadena Fire Chief Chad Augustin said confined-space rescues present unique challenges for firefighters.

"There's a lot of steps we need to do to make it as safe as possible. For not just the dog but also our rescuers,"

Augustin said.

The team hooked up a series of ropes and pulleys to lower one team member into the hole. It took the team member about 12 minutes to reach the dog, secure him in a harness and bring him back to the surface.

Cesar appeared to be healthy and uninjured after he was retrieved from the hole. He shook off a heavy coat of construction dirt and dust and was reunited with his owner at the scene.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Box of reptiles mailed to the wrong address in New York

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—Several live lizards were wrongly delivered to a residence in a village north of New York City. "Needless to say the addressee was quite startled when they opened the box," Port Chester police wrote on Facebook. Police received the call about the reptiles just after noon on Saturday. They posted a picture on Sunday of three dark-colored lizards held in a large white container. It was not immediately clear whether there were more reptiles not pictured. "If you lost your lizards and iguanas we have them at the police department," police wrote. They said they held the animals until a local animal sanctuary could pick them up for safekeeping.

Freed bull races through Israeli streets into building

JERUSALEM (AP)—A bull escaped from its pen early Monday, setting off a panicked scene in the streets of a central Israeli city before entering an office building and evading capture for half an hour as it scampered through the hallways. Bank Leumi said the bull entered its offices in an industrial zone in the city of Lod, near Tel Aviv. Amateur videos showed residents scurrying for safety as the bull roamed the streets. Several cars appear to have been damaged, and the bull

nearly gored one man who got too close. Inside the building, the animal slid around the tiled floors as it ran through a hallway with several men chasing it. The men unsuccessfully attempted to capture it with a makeshift lasso—a piece of rope that quickly frayed. After being chased out of the bank offices, the bull was tranquilized by city veterinary employees and taken from the area.

Rabies alert issued over raccoon taken into North Dakota bar

MADDOCK, N.D. (AP)—A woman walked into a North Dakota bar carrying a raccoon, leading health officials to warn those who had contact with the animal about possible rabies exposure. Bartender Cindy Smith said she was serving drinks at the Maddock Bar last week when a local resident brought in the animal during happy hour. There were about 10 people in the saloon at the time, she said. Smith said she immediately asked the woman to leave but instead she took the raccoon around the bar to show another customer. The woman eventually departed with the animal after about five minutes. "We finally got her out with it, and that's all that happened," Smith told The Bismarck Tribune. "It never left her arms one time, and there was absolutely no biting." Maddock is town of about 500 people located about 85 miles (137 kilometers) from the Canadian border.

Science & Technology

TikTok search results riddled with misinformation: Report

By DAVID KLEPPER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TikTok may be the platform of choice for catchy videos, but anyone using it to learn about COVID-19, climate change or Russia's invasion of Ukraine is likely to encounter misleading information, according to a research report published Wednesday.

Researchers at NewsGuard searched for content about prominent news topics on TikTok and say they found that nearly 1 in 5 of the videos automatically suggested by the platform contained misinformation.

Searches for information about "mRNA vaccine," for instance, yielded five videos (out of the first 10) that contained misinformation, including baseless claims that the COVID-19 vaccine causes "permanent damage in children's critical organs."

Researchers looking for information about abortion, the 2020 election, the Jan.



The TikTok app logo appears in Tokyo on Sept. 28, 2020. AP

6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, climate change or Russia's invasion of Ukraine on TikTok found similarly misleading videos scattered among more accurate clips.

The amount of misinformation—and the ease with which it can be found—is especially troubling given TikTok's popularity with young people, according to Steven Brill, founder of NewsGuard, a firm that monitors misinformation.

TikTok is the second most popular domain in the

world, according to online performance and security company Cloudflare, exceeded only by Google.

Brill questioned whether ByteDance, the Chinese company that owns TikTok, is doing enough to stop misinformation or whether it deliberately allows misinformation to proliferate as a way to sow confusion in the U.S. and other Western democracies.

"It's either incompetence or it's something worse," Brill told The Associated Press.



Computer probes the protein world

The artificial intelligence program AlphaFold has predicted the 3-D structures of 992,000 different plant and animal proteins, including all of the 20,000 human protein molecules.

Proteins: Folded-up chains of amino acids

- ◀ A cell contains thousands of different proteins, each with a unique function – and a unique structure
- ▶ Each protein molecule is a 3-dimensional structure of smaller amino acid molecules
- ▶ There are only 20 different amino acids, the building blocks of proteins

Decoding protein structure

- 1 The starting point for working out a protein's structure is its single-file sequence of amino acids
Proteins from the same evolutionary family with similar sequences can have similar structures
- 2 A few techniques can directly observe the protein's structure:
■ An X-ray beam can produce images of crystallized protein molecules
■ Cryo-EM uses an electron microscope to observe frozen protein molecules
- 3 Structure prediction, a recent technique that avoids laborious standard procedures, bases its computations entirely on a protein's amino acid sequence

AlphaFold's predicted structure of a protein that may give plants disease resistance
This "ribbon diagram" is a common schematic depiction of 3-D protein structure

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Life & Style

‘Gangsta’s Paradise’ rapper Coolio dies at age 59

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Coolio, the rapper who was among hip-hop's biggest names of the 1990s with hits including “Gangsta’s Paradise” and “Fantastic Voyage,” died Wednesday at age 59, his manager said.

Coolio, whose legal name was Artis Leon Ivey Jr., died at the Los Angeles home of a friend, longtime manager Jarez Posey told The Associated Press. The cause was not immediately clear.

Coolio won a Grammy for best solo rap performance for

“Gangsta’s Paradise,” the 1995 hit from the soundtrack of the Michelle Pfeiffer film “Dangerous Minds” that sampled Stevie Wonder’s 1976 song “Pastime Paradise.”

He was nominated for five other Grammys during a career that began in the late-1980s.

Born in Monessen, Pennsylvania south of Pittsburgh, Coolio moved to Compton, California, where he went to community college. He worked as a volunteer firefighter and in airport security before devoting himself full-time to



AP
Coolio performs during the “I Love The 90’s” tour on Aug. 7, 2022, at RiverEdge Park in Aurora, Ill.

Judge: R. Kelly to pay \$300,000 to victim in sex crimes case

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge signaled Wednesday that she plans to order disgraced R&B superstar R. Kelly to pay more than \$300,000 to one his victims in a decades-long scheme to use his fame to sexually abuse young fans.

A restitution order by U.S. District Judge Ann Connelly that was still being finalized is meant to cover the cost of treatment for herpes and psychotherapy. The victim, referred to only

by a pseudonym, has accused the jailed Kelly of giving her the sexually transmitted disease during one of their encounters.

Kelly could be on the hook for tens of thousands of dollars more to pay for herpes treatment and counseling for a second victim once the final tally is calculated. The judge rejected a third claim by another accuser.

The Grammy-winning, multiplatinum-selling songwriter appeared at the hearing in fed-

eral court in Brooklyn via video from a lockup in Chicago, and only spoke to exchange greetings with the judge and to turn down an offer to say more. None of the victims were in attendance.

Earlier this year, Kelly was sentenced to 30 years in prison following a trial in New York where the jury found him guilty of racketeering and sex trafficking. A second trial in Chicago ended on Sept. 14 with his con-

viction on charges of producing child pornography and enticing girls for sex.

The question now in the New York case becomes when and how Kelly will pay the restitution. Prosecutors claim he has access to as much as \$5 million to go along with about \$28,000 seized from his inmate commissary account that defense attorney Jennifer Bonjean said was made up of small donations from fans.

Schwarzenegger visits Auschwitz in message against hatred

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP)—Film icon Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the site of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp on Wednesday, meeting a Holocaust survivor and the son of Holocaust survivors and saying it is time to “terminate” hatred.

The “Terminator” actor and former California governor viewed the barracks, watchtowers and remains of gas chambers that endure as evidence of the German extermination of Jews

and others during World War II. He also met with a woman who as a 3-year-old child was subjected to experiments by the notorious Nazi doctor Josef Mengele.

“This is a story that has to stay alive, this is a story that we have to tell over and over again,” he said after his visit to the site of the death camp, speaking in a former synagogue that now is home to the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation.



AP
Arnold Schwarzenegger visits Auschwitz - Birkenau Nazi German death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022.

Woman hid her cheating while cheating boyfriend was jailed

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been involved for five years. He was sentenced to prison for 3 1/2 years. Before he left, we had a really rocky relationship. He cheated on me with multiple women, some of whom he continued on with during his prison sentence. I was pregnant when he went away, so I am now raising our child alone.

Fast-forward to the present: He and I are doing extremely well. I see major changes, and we truly believe we can make it work when he's released at the end of next year. My problem is, I have done some things that are eating away at me. I have had numerous relations while he has been away, all the while letting him think I'm this perfect stay-at-home fiancee and mother.

Although none of my affairs have been serious, I'm sure if he finds out, it would be the end of us. I'm scared and confused about what to do. I love him dearly and truly want to spend eternity with him. What should my next step be?

IMPERFECT, TOO, IN FLORIDA

DEAR IMPERFECT: Your next step should be to tell your boyfriend the truth. While you're at it, tell him you didn't reveal it before because you weren't proud of it and didn't want to worry him while he was locked up. You really have no other option because someone who knows you may let it slip, which would be worse than his hearing from you.

From your description, your baby's father is no angel —

and he should not expect you to be one, either. By the way, your telling him will not be the “end of you.” You are the mother of his child, and he is legally obligated to support that child until he or she is no longer a minor.

P.S. Because you and your boyfriend have been sexually active with multiple partners, you should both be checked for STDs.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to address this to parents who have abandoned an LGBTQ child:

I have met your children through my transgender son, and I'm happy to report they are doing fine. They are the nicest, most caring people I know. Instead of being bitter and angry about your rejection, they are welcoming of everyone they meet.

I marvel at their dedication to love. They have taught me by their example that unconditional love is the foundation of the LGBTQ fellowship. It reminds me of a man born in Bethlehem long ago, who taught unconditional love of all people.

Sadly, it seems His message has been diluted, distorted and rewritten. If He were around today, I believe He would really like your child.

So, in closing, let me congratulate you for having raised a wonderful, loving child who is filled with joy and generosity. And please remember: It's never too late to learn how to love.

PROUD DAD OF A WONDERFUL SON

the hip-hop scene.

His career took off with the 1994 release of his debut album on Tommy Boy Records, “It Takes a Thief.” It’s opening track, “Fantastic Voyage,” would reach No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100.

A year later, “Gangsta’s Paradise” would become a No. 1 single, with its dark opening lyrics:

“As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I

take a look at my life and realize there's not much left, ‘cause I've been blastin' and laughin' so long, that even my mama thinks that my mind is gone.”

Social media lit up with reactions to the unexpected death.

“This is sad news,” Ice Cube said on Twitter. “I witness first hand this man's grind to the top of the industry. Rest In Peace, @Coolio.”

“Peaceful journey brother,” Questlove tweeted.

Model fearing Myanmar military heads to asylum in Canada

BANGKOK (AP)

A fashion model from Myanmar who feared being arrested by the country's military government if she was forced back home from exile has flown to Canada, which she says has granted her asylum.



Aung

fast, and I only have a few pieces of clothing. So I will have to go along with what they have planned for me,” she said.

“I have spoken out for Myanmar wherever I go. I have talked to the media about my country while I was staying in Thailand. Since

Canada is a safe place for me, I will have more opportunities to speak out on the issue. And as you know, there is a large Myanmar community in Canada, so I’m sure I’ll be able to carry on the struggle for Myanmar with their help.”

A phone call to the Canadian Embassy seeking comment was not immediately returned.

Thaw Nandar Aung had been stuck at Bangkok's airport after Thai authorities denied her entry when she arrived Sept. 21 from a short trip to Vietnam. She has been living in Thailand but needed to leave and enter again in order to extend her stay.

Thaw Nandar Aung, also known as Han Lay, left on a flight from Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport early Wednesday morning, according to Archayon Kraithong, a deputy commissioner of Thailand's Immigration Bureau. He said he was not authorized to reveal her destination.

Thaw Nandar Aung told Radio Free Asia, a U.S.-government funded broadcaster, on Tuesday that she was headed to Canada, after having been granted political asylum there with the assistance of the UNHCR and the Canadian Embassy in Thailand.

“Everything happened so

DEAR ABBY

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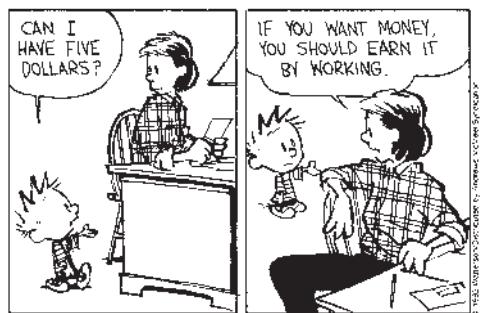
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DEAR PROUD DAD: Your letter carries a strong, positive message. We are all God's children. While I hope your letter will open those parents' hearts, if it doesn't do that, take comfort in the knowledge that many LGBTQ individuals who have been rejected by their parents have learned to build chosen families—with people like YOU.

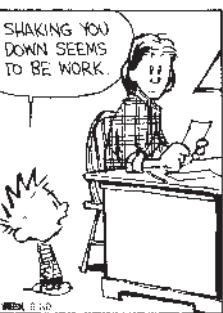
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Calvin and Hobbes

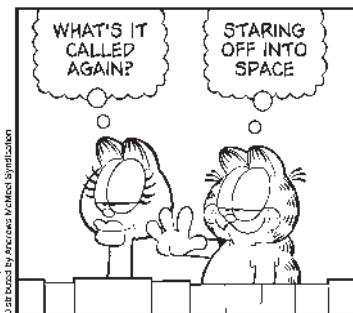


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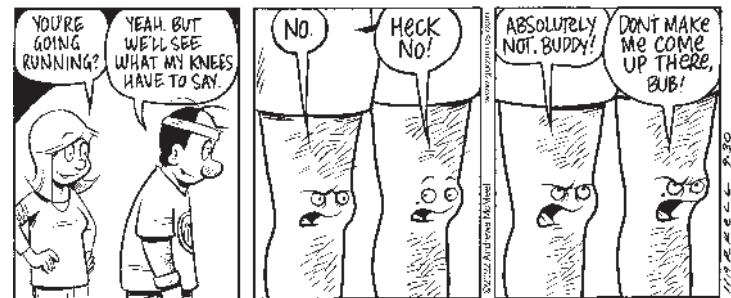


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lyric Ross, 19; Katrina Law, 37; Lacey Chabert, 40; Jenna Elfman, 51.

Happy Birthday: Explore every possibility. Discuss your interests and how you want to live your life with anyone you are hoping will join you. Being on the same page as those you feel most akin to will help you turn your dreams into reality. Make this a year to remember by engaging in activities that bring you closer to your goal. Your numbers are 7, 19, 24, 26, 31, 39, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've got a good eye for investments, bargains and finding something that ups your chances to get ahead. Go over the fine print and find a path to victory. Trust your instincts, and focus on what you can accomplish. Engage in romance. ☽☽☽

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Be reluctant to ignore what things cost or what others want from you. Know when to draw the line, and set boundaries to spare yourself the grief of bending to other people's whims. Make your position clear and go about your business. ☽☽

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Draw from those offering an exciting perspective on what you do or plan to pursue. The input others give you will open your eyes to many ideas that will make your transition from where you are to where you are headed easier. ☽☽

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take better care of your home, family and health. Overindulgence will not solve problems or save you money. Pay attention to how you portray yourself and your habits. Moderation will improve your life and relationships. ☽☽☽

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pump things up and get things moving. Your enthusiasm will help break up the monotony and draw dynamic people to your side. Get out and infiltrate into areas of interest. Expand your circle of friends, and you'll benefit from the connections you make. ☽☽

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans with someone who shares your interests. Social events will allow you to share your thoughts, get sound feedback and adjust your objectives to ensure long-term success. You'll learn more if you listen instead of talk. Romance is favored. ☽☽☽

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't believe everything you hear. Listen attentively so you can differentiate between what's fact and what's fiction. Be selective when it comes to choosing friends, allies and partners. A day trip or changing your surroundings will be enlightening. ☽☽

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on how you look, what you wear and how you carry yourself. Keeping fit and wanting to flaunt what you have to offer will draw the attention of someone who appreciates you for your qualities, choices and appearance. Romance is encouraged. ☽☽

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick to what's comfortable and the people who put you at ease. You'll be privy to information that will help you bring about positive change. Attend a seminar, conference or reunion that offers memories and a chance to reconnect with someone. ☽☽

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put an end to an emotional situation holding you back. Check out what's possible and distance yourself from trouble. Put your energy where it counts and your anger to rest. Consider the big picture and ignore trivialities. ☽☽

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be a good listener, friend and ally. Offer down-to-earth suggestions and a helping hand, and you'll tweak your reputation and enjoy popularity. Take a different approach to running things at home and financially, and you'll reap the rewards. ☽☽

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're heading upward, and financial and personal gains are within reach. Expand your interests and trust and believe in yourself and your ability to make things happen. Domestic improvements will lift your spirits. Choose what makes you happy, then commit. ☽☽

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put an end to an emotional situation holding you back. Check out what's possible and distance yourself from trouble. Put your energy where it counts and your anger to rest. Consider the big picture and ignore trivialities. ☽☽

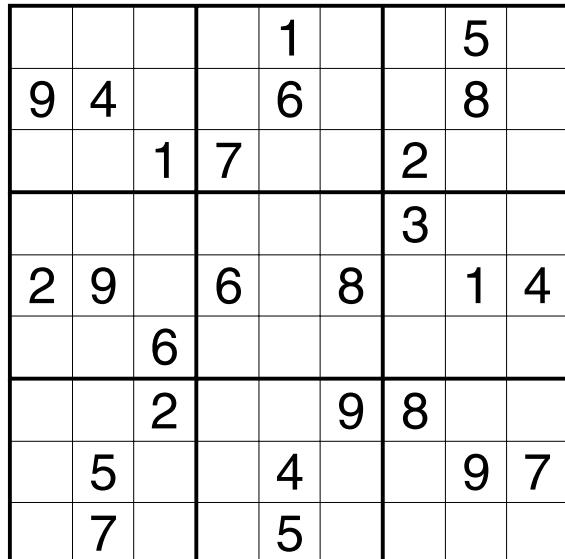
Birthday Baby: You are generous, optimistic and compassionate. You are headstrong and persistent.

☽: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☽☽: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☽☽☽: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☽☽☽☽: Aim high; start new projects. ☽☽☽☽: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

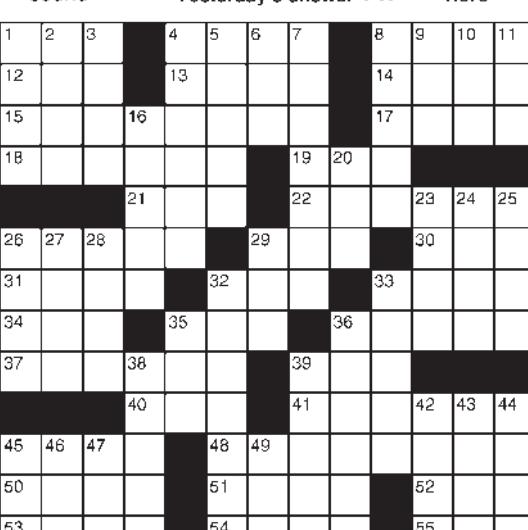
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 7 letters

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Judge hits No. 61 to tie Maris' AL homer record, Yankees win



TORONTO

(AP)—Aaron Judge tied Roger Maris' American League record of 61 home runs in a season with a tie-breaking, two-run drive in the seventh inning that helped the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Wednesday night.

The 30-year-old slugger drove a 94.5 mph belt-high sinker with a full-count from left-hander Tim Mayza (8-1) over the left-field fence at Rogers Centre. The 117.4 mph drive took just 3.8 seconds to land 394 feet from the plate, and it put the Yankees ahead 5-3.

Judge watched the ball clank off the front of the stands, just below two fans who reached over a railing and tried for a catch. He pumped an arm just before reaching first and exchanged a slap with coach Travis Chapman.

The ball dropped into Toronto's bullpen and was picked up by Blue Jays bullpen coach Matt Buschmann, who turned it over to the Yankees.

Judge's mother and Roger Maris Jr. rose and hugged from front-row seats. He appeared to point toward them after rounding second base, then was congratulated by the entire Yankees team, who gave him hugs after he crossed the plate.

Judge moved past the 60 home runs Babe Ruth hit in 1927, which had stood as the major league mark until Maris broke it in

1961. All three stars reached those huge numbers playing for the Yankees. Barry Bonds holds the big league record of 73 for the San Francisco Giants in 2001.

Judge had gone seven games without a home run — his longest drought this season was nine in mid-August. This was the Yankees' 155th game of the season, leaving them seven more in the regular season. The home run came in the fourth plate appearance of the night for Judge, ending a streak of 34 plate appearances without a home run.

Judge is hitting .313 with 130 RBIs, also the top totals in the AL. He has a chance to become the first AL Triple Crown winner since Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012.

Mets 5, Marlins 4, 10 innings

In New York, Eduardo Escobar homered and drove in five late runs — including the winning single in the 10th inning — to rally New York past Miami and back into sole possession of the NL East lead.



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a two-run home run, his 61st homer of the season, during the seventh inning of the team's baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, in Toronto.

two innings for the win.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 1

In Milwaukee, Brandon Woodruff struck out 10 over six scoreless innings and Devin Williams delivered four big outs late to boost Milwaukee's playoff hopes with a victory over NL Central champion St. Louis.

The victory, Milwaukee's first since Saturday at Cincinnati, combined with the Phillies' loss to the Chicago Cubs, moved the Brewers within a game of Philadelphia for the third and final NL wild-card spot with seven to play.

Woodruff (13-4) was only at 98 pitches when Matt Bush took over to start the seventh. The move backfired immediately when Andrew Knizner led off the inning with his second homer in two days.

Drew Smith (3-3) struck out two in a perfect inning for the win. Dylan Floro (1-3) was the loser.

Nationals 3, Braves 2, 10 innings

In Washington, CJ Abrams drove in the winning run in the 10th inning for his third hit to lift Washington past Atlanta.

The Braves dropped a game behind the New York Mets in the NL East, with the teams set to open a three-game series Friday in Atlanta, weather permitting.

Victor Robles bunted leading off the 10th against Jackson Stephens (3-3). Robles was initially called safe, but the call was overturned, with Alex Call moving to third. With the infield in, pinch-hitter César Hernández walked. Lane Thomas grounded to third, but Abrams singled to right, scoring Call.

Matt Olson had two hits, including his 30th homer of the season, for the Braves.

Kyle Finnegan (6-4) pitched

Red Sox 3, Orioles 1

In Boston, Anthony Santander and Baltimore were shut down by Rich Hill and three relievers in a loss to Boston, hurting the Orioles' chances of rallying in the AL wild-card race.

Robinson Chirinos accounted for Baltimore's only run with his fourth homer in the eighth inning. The Orioles lost for the fourth time in five games.

Santander went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts one night after he homered from both sides of the plate in Baltimore's 13-9 loss at Fenway Park.

The 42-year-old Hill (8-7) struck out nine while pitching six innings of five-hit ball. Matt Barnes handled the ninth for his sixth save. Dean Kremer (8-6) was the loser.

Tigers 2, Royals 1

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit his 507th home run, De-

With the loss and the New York Yankees' 8-3 win at Toronto, the Astros' magic number to clinch the AL's top seed remained at one.

Carson Kelly started the Arizona 10th on second and advanced when Geraldo Perdomo led off with a bunt single against Will Smith (0-3). Kelly then scored when Daulton Varsho bounced to second for a fielder's choice.

Guardians 2, Rays 1, 10 innings

In Cleveland, pinch-hitter Amed Rosario had a base-loaded single in the 10th inning to lift AL Central champion Cleveland past Tampa Bay.

Rosario lined the first pitch over the head of right fielder Manuel Margot to score Oscar Gonzalez from third base.

Gonzalez began the inning as the automatic runner against Javy Guerra (2-1). Andrés Giménez was intentionally walked. After a sacrifice, Will Brennan was also intentionally walked before Rosario hit the winner.

Guardians rookie Gabriel Árias hit his first major league home run in the third. James Karinchak (2-0) struck out the side in the 10th.

Mariners 3, Rangers 1

In Seattle, George Kirby allowed one run over six innings, Eugenio Suárez had three hits and an RBI and Seattle beat Texas.

Trying to secure a playoff spot for the first time since 2001, Seattle rebounded after dropping the series opener Tuesday night.

Kirby (8-4) was coming off his worst start of the season, when he gave up five earned runs in 2 1/3 innings against Oakland. He returned to form against Texas, allowing just one run on five hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

Angels 4, Athletics 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Mike Trout hit his 38th home run, Michael Lorenzen went five strong innings and Los Angeles beat Oakland.

Taylor Ward also homered, while Lorenzen (8-6) gave up an unearned run to lower his ERA to 0.45 against the A's this season. The Angels extended their winning streak over Oakland to five games.

Lorenzen gave up three hits in five innings with three walks and eight strikeouts. Jimmy Herget pitched the ninth inning for his eighth save.

Adrian Martinez (4-6) was the loser.

Giants 6, Rockies 3

In San Francisco, Joc Pederson had a two-run triple and San Francisco beat Colorado to keep its slim playoff hopes alive.

Mike Yastrzemski, Brandon Crawford and Ford Proctor also drove in runs to help San Francisco beat Colorado for the seventh straight time. The Giants have won eight of their last nine games and trail Philadelphia by 6 1/2 games for the third and final NL wild-card position with seven games remaining.

Alan Trejo homered for the Rockies. They have lost four in a row and eight of their last nine.

Sean Hjelle (1-2) earned his first major league win after being recalled from Triple-A Sacramento earlier in the day. José Ureña (3-8) was the loser.

Pirates 4, Reds 3, 10 innings

In Pittsburgh, Kevin Newman had a two-out single in the 10th inning and Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati after blowing a three-run lead in the ninth.

Kyle Farmer hit a two-run homer in the ninth off Chase De Jong, and Jake Fraley homered five pitches later to tie it.

After Yohan Ramirez (3-1) pitched a perfect 10th, Alexis Díaz (6-3) intentionally walked Ben Gamel, and Newman singled into shallow center to score pinch-runner Rodolfo Castro from second.

Twins 7, White Sox 4

In Minneapolis, Minnesota rookie Matt Wallner drove in a career-high three runs, Gio Urshela and Jake Cave each had three hits and the Twins sent Chicago to its eighth straight loss.

When Seattle beat Texas later, the Twins and the White Sox were eliminated from the wild-card race.

Jose Miranda added an RBI double for the Twins, who tied the White Sox for second place in the AL Central at 76-79.

Caleb Thielbar (4-2) got four outs in relief for the victory. Johnny Cueto (7-10) was the loser.

Cubs 3, Phillies 1

In Chicago, Aaron Nola surrendered Christopher Morel's three-run homer in the fifth inning in Philadelphia's loss to Chicago.

Philadelphia dropped its fourth consecutive game. Trying for their first playoff appearance since 2011, the Phillies are just a half-game ahead of Milwaukee for the third NL wild card.

Nola (10-13) was charged with four runs — all in the fifth — and five hits in six innings. The right-hander struck out eight and walked none.

Chicago won for the seventh time in eight games. Rookie right-hander Hayden Wesneski (3-1) was the winner and Manuel Rodriguez got two outs for his fourth save.

NBA unveils No. 6 patch to honor Bill Russell across league

CANTON, Mass. (AP)—As the longest-tenured player on the Celtics, Marcus Smart has been in Boston long enough to appreciate what Bill Russell meant to the team, the city and the country.

"We've heard things like 'pioneer,' 'trailblazer,'" Smart said Monday while wearing a patch honoring the Celtics Hall of Famer who died this summer. "To mention, you know, Bill Russell and the impact that he brought to this game is undeniable."

The centerpiece of the Celtics dynasty that won 11 championships in 13 years, Russell is being honored this season not just for his unmatched success on the court but for a lifetime commitment to civil rights. The NBA has announced that it will retire his No. 6 league-wide, and every player will wear a black No. 6 patch on his jersey.

The Celtics have other tributes planned, with two nights set aside to honor Russell's legacy, including the Oct. 18 opener. They have painted the No. 6 in the free throw lane.



Boston Celtics forward Grant Williams, left, jokes with center Al Horford, right, as the NBA basketball players stand for photos during the team's Media Day, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, in Canton, Mass. AP

"The presence that Bill Russell had — not only on

the court, but in the community — it's something that

will always be present, and he'll always have a legacy

because of that," Celtics forward Grant Williams said,

Wolves' Edwards 'working to be better' after homophobic post

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Anthony Edwards said he's "willing to do whatever it takes to make it right" with the LBGTQ community and Minnesota Timberwolves fans following the homophobic remarks he recently made on social media.

Addressing reporters at Timberwolves media day on Monday, his first public appearance since the NBA fined him \$40,000 for his now-deleted video clip on Instagram, Edwards apologized again for the disparaging, profane comment he made about what he assumed to be the sexual orientation of a group of men he filmed on a sidewalk outside a vehicle he was riding in.

"Man, I respect everybody. I know what I posted was immature, and I'm sorry for that if I hurt anyone," Edwards said. "I'm working to be better."

Edwards said he would be OK having a gay teammate if someone came out and would try to clamp down on homophobic language in a locker room if he heard it.

"For sure. I'm taking it as far as I can. That's not who I am," Edwards said.

After ranking 19th in the league with an average of 21.3 points per game last season and helping lead the Timberwolves back to the playoffs, Edwards in his second year flourished into a true star and fan favorite who consistently

brought a youthful energy and a charming confidence to the court and off of it.

Following the trouble he stirred up earlier this month, Edwards found himself in the strange and sudden position of being an unpopular figure.

"It's kind of messed up, because I want people to love me, man. I don't want to give nobody a reason to hate me or talk bad about me, so I felt bad for myself and for what I said about people for sure," said the 21-year-old Edwards, who was the first overall pick in the 2020 draft.

Timberwolves president of basketball operations Tim Connelly and coach Chris Finch both had stern conversations with Edwards after the social media post.

"It just makes me think before I do everything now, pretty much," Edwards said.

Said Connelly: "He's disappointed in his own actions. He's disappointed that he put himself in that position, and hopefully he'll continue to grow and we'll continue to



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Anthony Edwards is shown at an NBA basketball game Friday, April 1, 2022, in Denver. AP

educate these guys on the importance of being really positive community members and respectful of all people that we're lucky enough to have in our community."

BONJOUR, RUDY

Media day for the Timberwolves has often been accompanied by some kind of

off-the-court distraction, with the sudden firing of president of basketball operations Gersson Rosas (2021) and the trade demand made by star Jimmy Butler (2018) the most recent examples.

This time, the Edwards situation overshadowed some of the arrival of Rudy Gobert, the veteran center and defensive ace who was acquired this summer from the Utah Jazz for four players and five first-round draft picks.

Gobert recently returned from the EuroBasket championship, where his France na-

tional team lost to host Spain in the gold medal game in which he had only six points and two shots.

"You learn from the losses. You learn from the wins. For me, just learn how to finish the job. We had a really good tournament, but we fell short at the end," Gobert said.

PATIENT RUSSELL

Playing this season on a salary of more than \$31 million, point guard D'Angelo Russell has returned to training camp with an upbeat attitude, a new pick-and-roll partner in Gob-

ert adding that Boston was his grandfather's favorite team because of Russell. "I'm fortunate to be playing for this organization."

Players who are already wearing No. 6 can keep it, and Nuggets center DeAndre Jordan was among those who said he would do so to honor Russell's legacy. (Major League Baseball did the same in 1997 when it retired Jackie Robinson's No. 42 across the AL and NL, and Yankees closer Mariano Rivera continued to wear it until he retired in 2013.)

Bulls guard Alex Caruso said he looked into switching his uniform No. 6 this season but was told he had to keep it because he is in the top 75 in jersey sales. Caruso wore No. 4 with the Lakers but Chicago has retired it for Jerry Sloan and No. 6 was the "best-looking number in the single digits that was left."

"Obviously, I want to do nothing but honor him and his legacy and what he stood for because he's one of the pioneers of racial advocacy for the game of basketball in general and just all-around great person," he said. "I don't know anybody that talks about him or knew him that had anything negative to say."

In addition to the jersey patch, teams will also have a No. 6 on their courts near the scorer's tables.

"I'm glad we get to remember him like this," said Memphis Grizzlies big man Jaren Jackson Jr. "He's definitely watching over the game, watching over our jerseys like, 'Yep.' It's special man. A lot of rings for him."

It has been a tumultuous offseason for the Celtics, who were two wins from winning an unprecedented 18th NBA championship last season. Over the summer, newly signed free agent Danilo Gallinari tore his ACL and was lost for the season, and center Robert Williams III also needed surgery and won't be available for the opener.

Jaylen Brown was mentioned in trade talks for All-Star Kevin Durant, leaving him to doubt the team's commitment to him. And then, just three days before the start of training camp, coach Ime Udoka was suspended for the entire season.

Brown said it was important to remember Russell's struggles against racism in the 1960s and understand the team's current turmoil pales in comparison.

"Thinking about his legacy and what he stood for and the amount of adversity he went through is nothing like we have now," Brown said.

Knights thrash Tatagas in MS soccer

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Mount Carmel School came back after their loss against Saipan International School to defeat Tanapag Middle School, 7-0, in Group B of the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

With the win, the Knights leveled their record to 1-1, while the Tatagas went down to 0-2 in the standings.

The Knights recuperated and came back with a vengeance with an early run and attacks at the goal, to score in the first four minutes of the game, courtesy of Elijah De Belen.

The Tatagas gave it their all as they tried to navigate through the tough Knight defenders, making swipes at the goal but came up empty in their attempts.

This gave the Knights opportunities to score throughout



Mount Carmel School players watch their teammate run through the field with the ball in their game against Tanapag Middle School last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

the game, as they ran through the field, dodging Tatagas defenders, and collecting four goals in the first half and three goals in the second half.

Jason and Arstin Tagabuel collected two goals each, while Julio Monseratt and Shakir Taher made one goal each.

Aside from De Belen, Monserrat, Taher, and the Tagabuels, the rest of the Knights are Donald Tagabuel, Akoni Matsumoto, Kaden Propst, and Pedro Tomokane.

SIS 5, HMS-1 1

In the other Group B game of the day, Saipan International School continued their win-

ning streak as they won their second game over Hopwood Middle School 1, 5-1.

Leonard Delemarle of SIS found the back of the net early, scoring a goal in the first minute, while the Hilitais were just getting their footing.

Moshe Sikkel had a go at the net and commanded the ball to score two goals, putting

up the Geckos 3-0.

The Hilitais have yet to score when, 32 minutes into the game, Theo Joab scored another goal to widen their lead to 4-0. Their last goal was made by Sean Park, 48 minutes into the game.

Only then did the Hilitais respond, but it was a little too late as Branson Santos found the back of the net 49 minutes into the game that made sure HMS didn't go scoreless.

It was all over when the

Hilitais had no more goals to give as the clock ticked down to the final minutes, with SIS claiming victory, 5-1.

The Geckos are still undefeated with two wins and the Hilitais 1 are at one win and one loss.

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association coordinates the 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League along with the Public School System Athletic Program.

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said the longtime Team Blue Haus Ali'i mainstay.

Aside from winning multiple championships and taking home a slew of regular season and finals MVPs, Peredo was

also a regular fixture in the mythical five of almost all the leagues he joined. The 5'10" winger has also won best in rebounds, best in blocks, and scoring titles on many occasions.

"My favorite is my best in blocks award because that means you play both sides

of the court, not only scoring," he said.

Peredo demurred in disclosing his favorite teammates because in his own admission he's played with great players through the years and he doesn't want to pick just one or two and offend some.

than welcome to join the Fit to Lead Program for the whole trek, or for even portions of the route.

You may view the map with estimated time stamps of when they will be passing these landmarks on Frank "the Crank's" Instagram account, @frankthecrank.

Please consult with your doctor before participating in any physical activity like this trek.

Participants are asked to please obey traffic rules and regulations, as well as practice safety throughout the trek. Bring your supplies, such as head lamps, good shoes, water, and food.

Camacho and the Fit to Lead team will not be allowed to carry any supplies, but will only be accepting donations along the way.

"For drivers, we ask to please be cautious with the trekkers and pedestrians, but also to please honk your horn and give us a big wave," said Camacho.

"The Commonwealth Cancer Association is so grateful for Frank "The Crank" Camacho's efforts to not only raise money for our organization, but to also build awareness about cancer in the CNMI. His

efforts along with the generosity of all the event's incredible sponsors will go a long way to rebuild our outreach

efforts that were almost completely truncated by the global pandemic. The Crank's event will set the tone and generate excitement for all the preparation and planning being made for 2023 to mark CCA's comeback. We cannot express how completely thankful we are to Frank," said Bo Palacios, president of CCA.

Camacho and the Fit to Lead team would like to thank local businesses for their donation and contributions: Triple J, Saipan Stevedore, Triple J, The Athlete's Foot Saipan, TurnKey Solutions, Docomo Pacific, Marpac, Pacifica Insurance, Bank Pacific, Joeten Motors, Trench Tech, J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, and Ace Hardware.

The team would also want to thank Torres for his contribution of \$50,000 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

To make donations, you can contact the CCA or Frank "The Crank" Camacho at (671)747-7585 or you can make donations online via PayPal or credit card at Frankthecrank.com. (PR)

Before boarding a plane to start the next chapter of his and his family's life, Peredo has this message to teammates and friends on Saipan:

"We'll miss you guys and for my teammates it's a shame that I can no longer help you guys reach your goals but I will always be here to support you," he said. Peredo also leaves on Saipan two of his basketball-playing brothers, Richard

and Badong.

"Thank you for everything you've done for me and my kids. Take care, the two boys will miss you. Hope someday you will follow us in the states so we'll all be together again like the old days," was Peredo's message to older brother Richard.

For Badong, he greeted him with a very happy birthday after the youngest of the Peredo brothers celebrated his birthday yesterday.

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ery little bit of help goes a long way. To our community, Let's continue the fight against cancer and support them as much as we can," added Torres.

"I have always been an advocate of health, wellness, and fitness. Sadly, the CNMI is in a health epidemic. The CNMI's Top 3 causes of death in the past 10 years are heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. More and more, we are losing friends and family to these non-communicable diseases that are preventable through exercise and nutrition. The people of the CNMI are looking for alternative ways to take ownership of their health and wellness and be able to be fit to lead within their families and professional duties," said Camacho.

"Through this Fit to Lead initiative, we want to raise money and awareness towards health and wellness in the CNMI. During this campaign, 100% of all sponsorship revenue and donations will go toward the Commonwealth Cancer Association," he added.

The community is more

than welcome to join the Fit to Lead Program for the whole trek, or for even portions of the route.

In the second half, John Paul Binghit scored one goal for the Kingfishers, with Castillo and Kamal taking turns at the goal, scoring two more goals each.

The lone goal for the Deers was made by Kymaira Rabauliman.

The Kingfishers 2 are Aldric Jon Antonio, John Paul Binghit, Roswele Castillo, Darshwana Chhetri, Salman Kamal, Joshua Lizama, Michael Olaitiman, Jiro Quindiza, Izaiah Tenorio, and Canisio Williams.

The elementary school division quarterfinal soccer games are scheduled for today, with Group C winner WSR 2 going up against Group B's second-best San Vicente Elementary School 1, while Group A winner Koblerville Elementary School 1 goes against third best WSR 1, with both games at 4pm.

Group B winner Garapan Elementary School 1 will square off against third-best Saipan International School, while Group A's second-best Grace Christian Academy will take on Group C's second-best KES 2, with both games at 5pm.

KES-2 2, SVES-2 2

It was a battle of two as Koblerville Elementary School 2 and San Vicente Elementary School 2 duked it out on the field and ended with a tie of 2 goals apiece.

With this game, the Umangs 2 team makes it to the quarterfinals as the second-best team in Group C. Their record stands at three wins, one draw, and one loss.

Julian Mettao of the Umangs graced the field with two goals—one in the first half and one in the second half.

The Canaries' John Sampan found the net and scored one goal, with Edwin Kaipat scoring the other.

The Umangs and Canaries battled it out on the field for

the rest of the game but were too exhausted to put up any more goals on the scoreboard, for a final draw result of 2-2.

KagEs 2, BSS 0

In the last game of the day, Kagman Elementary School Blue Marlins shut down Brilliant Star School, 2-0.

The game went on quietly as the youngsters took turns trying to get the ball in the other's net, with the first goal of the game 20 minutes in made by the Marlins' Beniah Murphy.

Brilliant Star tried to execute some attempts at the net but came up short as they went empty handed throughout the game.

The final goal was made by Jayton Dela Cruz in the 34th minute of the second half, to collect the win for the Marlins, 2-0.

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Judge hits No. 61 to tie Maris' AL homer record, Yankees win

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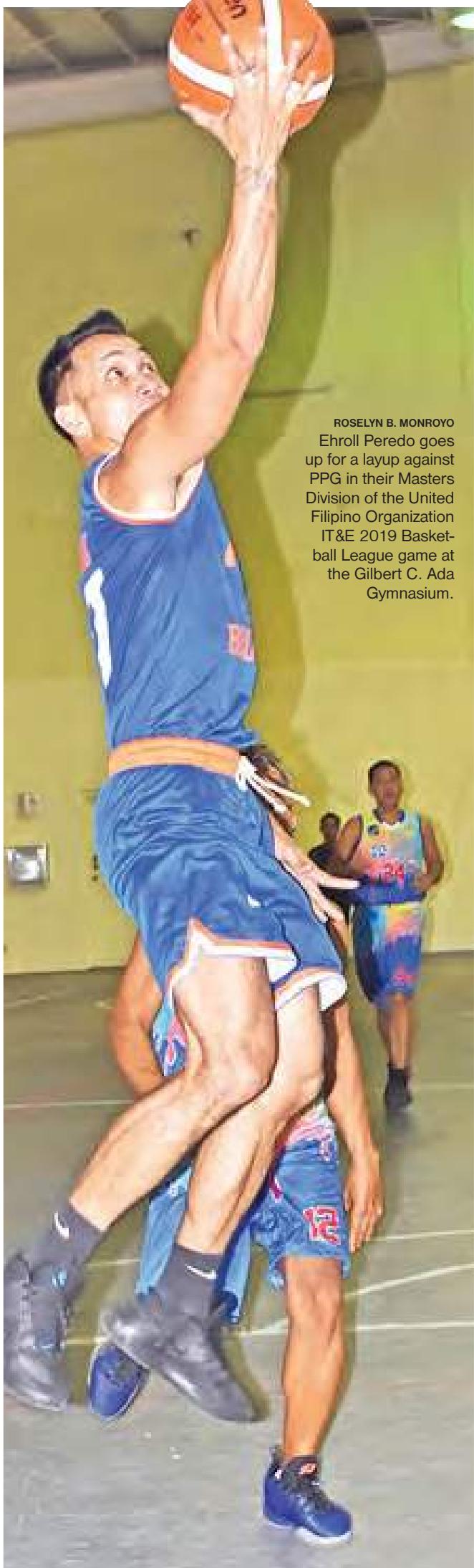
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Peredo bids Saipan 'paalam'



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ehroll Peredo goes up for a layup against PPG in their Masters Division of the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Many time most valuable player Ehroll Peredo is leaving his home of nearly 30 years when he and his family relocate to Lakewood, Washington.

The 43-year-old star forward said he and his wife, Girlie, and two of their children—6-year-old Axel 6 and

10-year-old Ashton—will be flying to the U.S. mainland tomorrow. Nineteen-year-old Ashanti will follow them in

July to continue her studies in Portland.

They will be reunited with daughter Christie Ann, 20 years old, in Washington, while 21-year-old Althea Mae lives in Guam.

Peredo said his most memorable game on Saipan was the 2007 championship when his Jeremiah team upset Daniel to hoist the Genesis Invitational Cup.

"It's because we defeated an undefeated team for the championship and I also happened

to win Finals MVP," he said.

His Prospects team in the United Basketball Association in 2010 is also close to the heart of the longtime IT&E employee.

"Only three teams beat us during the regular season—Docomo, Exterminator, and Ol'Aces. Then we were able to get revenge because we defeated Docomo in the first round then Exterminator in the semis before we swept Ol'Aces in the finals, 2-0."

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'The Crank' trek around Saipan to benefit CCA

Frank "The Crank" Camacho will trek around the island through the Fit to Lead Program to benefit the Commonwealth Cancer Association of the CNMI.

The Trek Around Saipan will be today, Sept. 30, 2022 at 3pm and will start at Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Camacho and his team will walk north toward Garapan and continue to Marpi, where they will take a turn to the backside of the island to end up back at PIC. The trek will take them about 18-20 hours straight before the trek is complete; they will have rounded the island's coast for about 52 total miles.

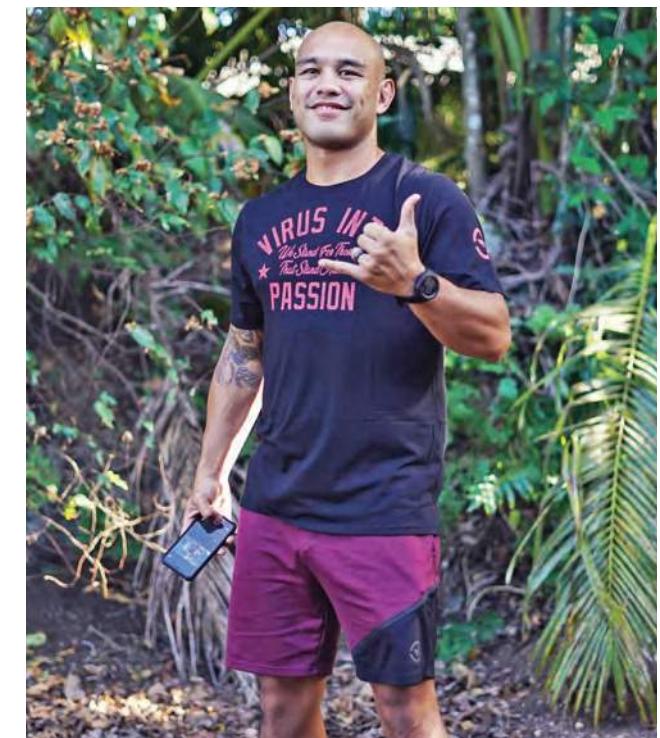
Camacho, former UFC fighter and hometown hero, has taken the initiative to push the Fit to Lead Program, which will benefit the com-

munity's healthy lifestyle changes. The Fit to Lead Program was initiated by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to shift a healthy focus from the COVID-19 pandemic to sustainable healthy living after the pandemic.

"Camacho is kicking off his leadership of the Commonwealth's Fit to Lead Initiative in a big way. Through his leadership by example, advocacy, and commitment, together we will improve the life and health of our residents one person and one family at a time," said Torres.

"Cancer has affected every family in the CNMI and I will continue to share in the fight against cancer. This small token will assist our patients and family members with some assistance. Because ev-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho is kicking off his leadership of the Commonwealth's Fit to Lead Initiative by trekking around Saipan today.

WSR 2 tops Group C to enter playoffs

William S. Reyes Elementary School 2 is the Group C winner and is the latest team to make it to the playoffs after defeating Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, 9-1, last Wednesday in their 2022-2023 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Soccer League elementary school game at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Kingfishers handled the ball early as they made their first goal eight minutes into the game, courtesy of Aldric Jon Antonio.

The Deers tried to steer

through the high-flying Kingfishers but were just a deer in the headlights as they could not get past their defenders and goalie.

While the Deers fumbled for their footing, the Kingfishers continued their shower of goals into

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
William S. Reyes Elementary School 2 soccer players congratulate each other after they scored a goal against Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School during their game last Wednesday at the NMI Training Center in Koblerville.

